

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 15, 1806.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

THE office of register of wills of Saint-Mary's county having become vacant by the death of Jeremiah Jordan, Esquire, we propose, with the concurrence of your house, to proceed to the election of a person to supply said vacancy immediately. Mr. James Forrest and Mr. Edmund Key are put in nomination by this house to fill the office, and Mr. Plater and Mr. Stephen are appointed by us to join such gentlemen as you may appoint to count the ballots.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

Which, together with the bill to authorise and empower the levy court of Anne-Arundel county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, the bill authorising the late collectors of public taxes in Cæcil county to complete their several collections, and the resolution in favour of David Hopkins, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Ellicott, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to erect Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, into a city, and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the further supplement to an act for the more effectual collection of the county charges in Allegany county; on progression, the question was put, That the following clause be stricken out? viz.

“ And be it enacted, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to pay to the collector of Allegany county, out of any unappropriated monies, the amount of taxes or county charges hereafter arising due annually, on any tract or tracts, lot or lots of land, granted to the officers or soldiers of this state, and now held and owned by said officers or soldiers.”

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.								
Messieurs	Neale,	Merriken,	M'Pherson,	Jackson,	Ward,	Hawkins,	Bayard,	Smith,		
	Plater,	Dorsey,	Ogden,	Cottman,	Cox,	Kuhn,	Turpin,	Yates,		
	Hanson,	B. Mackall,	Lemmon,	Hyland,	Porter,	Montgomery,	Jump,	Carroll,		
	Hurt,	Somervell,	Denny,	Frazier,	Shaaff,	Holbrook,	Bowles,	Linthicum.	35.	
	Gale,	Parnham,	Dickinson,							
		N E G A T I V E.								
Mes	Mercer,	Lloyd,	Sudler,	Sturgis,	Ellicott,	Bruce,	Tomlinson,	Rizer.	11.	
	Stuart,	Smoot,	Gleaves,							

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Stephen, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John R. Caldwell, of the city of Baltimore; which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed; which, together with the further supplement to an act for the more effectual collection of the county charges in Allegany county, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee of conference, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee of conference, to whom was referred the executive communications respecting the sale of the Maryland bank stock in the bank of England, report, that they have taken the same, with the accompanying papers and documents, into consideration.

The committee beg leave to express their opinion, that in the transaction of the important business of those communications by the executive, and by the agents of the state acting under their authority, the interest of the state has invariably been kept in view. The sale of the English, and purchase of American stock, has been more advantageous than could have been anticipated. All the expences incurred in the negotiation, comprehending the commission granted the different agents, may be covered by a judicious investment of the proceeds. The committee are of opinion, that the money which will be received from the bills of exchange drawn by the purchasers in favour of the state's agent, together with the money received, or that shall be received, from the sales of the English stock, should be invested, by subscribing on the part of the state, in stock reserved in the Bank of Baltimore, the Union Bank of Maryland, and the Farmers Bank of Maryland, in the proportions expressed in the resolution herewith reported.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore, under the direction of the governor and council, subscribe, on the part of this state, in the stock of the Bank of Baltimore, the sum of seventy-four thousand dollars, in the Union Bank of Maryland the sum of two hundred and seven thousand six hundred dollars, the sum of fifty dollars to be paid on each share subscribed for in that bank, and in the Farmers Bank of Maryland the sum of thirty thousand dollars, the amount of which subscriptions shall be paid out of the money received, or that shall be received, from the sale of the Maryland bank stock in the bank of England.

In taking into consideration the investment of so large a portion of the state's fund, the committee could not avoid turning their attention to the finances generally. As there will, in the course of the current year, be received money, exceeding to a considerable amount the expences of the government, provision during the present session should be made for the disposition of it towards useful and profitable objects. None of more magnitude presents itself than improving the navigation of the river Susquehanna. The judicious application of about sixty thousand dollars, the committee believe, would remove the principal obstructions to accomplish so impor-