

Dec. Ses. 1822 of the probable cost of the said canal, and all other information relative to the same, which they deem important to be communicated.

*Further resolved*, That the commissioners appointed by virtue of these resolutions, shall be entitled to the sum of four dollars for every day they may be engaged in the above undertaking; and that the governor and council, be authorised to pay to the engineer to be employed by them, such compensation for his services as they may deem reasonable, and also to make such advances for the necessary expenses attending the execution of this commission as they may think proper to be allowed.

Passed Feb. 22, 1823.

Report on the administration of justice, how to be disposed of.

No. 34.

*Resolved*, That the report of the select committee upon the administration of justice, and the returns of the several county clerks to the legislature, in pursuance of the call of that committee, be referred to the judges of the court of appeals at their next session, and that their attention be invited to the subject of said report, with a request that they take the same, with the documents accompanying, into their consideration, and make a report thereon to the next general assembly, including in their report a bill setting forth the principles suggested in the said report with such other amendments, alterations or additions, as in their judgment shall be most conducive to facilitate the administration of justice throughout this state.

*Further resolved*, That this report and resolutions, with the documents accompanying, be deposited in the council chamber, with directions to the clerk of the council to deliver the same to the judges of the court of appeals at their next meeting.

Passed Feb. 22, 1823.

Contract for printing laws and votes and proceedings.

No. 35.

*Resolved*, That the executive be, and they are hereby authorised to contract upon the best terms for the printing of the laws and votes and proceedings of the present session of the legislature, in the same manner they have heretofore been printed, and that they require of the person with whom they may contract, the same obligations for the faithful performance of the duty, which have been usually required of the printer to the state, and the sum to be allowed shall not exceed fourteen hundred dollars.

Passed Feb. 22, 1823.

Rich. Moffitt.

Relief of.

No. 36.

*Whereas*, It is represented to the general assembly of Maryland, by the petition of Richard Moffitt, late sheriff of Queen Ann's county, that the said state has obtained a judgment against him in Queen Ann's county court, for the sum of one hundred and forty-six dollars, with six per cent interest and cost, and he prays to be released from the payment of nine per cent. per annum; of the fifteen per cent. per annum, with which he may be chargeable; Therefore,

*Resolved*, That Richard Moffitt, late sheriff of Queen Ann's county, be, and he is hereby released from the payment of nine per cent. per annum, of the fifteen per cent. per annum, which is chargeable; *Provided*, he shall pay off the said judgment with six per cent. per annum, and all cost on or before the first day of April next.

Passed Feb. 22, 1823.

Benj'n Harris, proceedings against suspended.

No. 37.

*Resolved*, That all proceedings at the suit of the state, against the estate of Benjamin Harris, formerly sheriff of Calvert county, lately deceased, and against his securities, be, and they are hereby suspended until the next meeting of the legislature.

Passed Feb. 22, 1823.

Benj'n Gaither, proceedings against suspended.

No. 38.

*Resolved*, That all proceedings on the part of the state, against Benjamin Gaither, late sheriff of Anne Arundel county, and his securities, be, and the same are hereby suspended until the first day of November, 1824; *Provided*, the said Benjamin Gaither, shall, on or before the first day of November next, pay the amount of the judgment obtained against him, with six per cent. interest and all costs, and the remainder of the debt due to the state, on or before the first day of November, 1824, with interest as aforesaid; *Provided*, That if the first payment of the debt due to the state is not punctually made at the time herein specified, this resolution shall be considered null and void.

Passed Feb. 22, 1823.

Wm. Gover, proceedings against suspended.

No. 39.

*Resolved*, That all proceedings on the part of this state, against William Gover, security of Basil Bowling, formerly sheriff of Prince George's county, be, and the same are hereby suspended until the first day of March, eighteen hundred and twenty-five; *Provided*, the said William Gover, shall pay one half of the debts due to the state, from Basil Bowling and William Gover, aforesaid, with six per cent. interest, and all the costs, on or before the first day of March, eighteen hundred and twenty-four, and the remaining half of said debt with interest, and any additional costs that may accrue, on or before first day of March, eighteen hundred and twenty-five; *Provided*, nothing herein contained shall be construed to release the right of the state to any property, real or personal, which has been already taken in execution, or the property of any of the persons aforesaid, and if the first payment is not punctually made on or before the time specified, this resolution shall then be considered null and void.