

Mr. Phelps reported a bill entitled, an act to repair or rebuild a bridge over the North west fork of the Nanticoke river at Federalsburg, between Dorchester and Caroline counties;

Read the first, and by special order the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Roberts reported a bill entitled, an act supplementary to an act entitled, an act to authorise the licensing of stock brokers, exchange brokers and bill brokers, and to regulate the purchase and sale of loans and stocks;

Read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Lecompte of Carroll, made the following

REPORT:

The committee appointed under an order of this House on the 28th ult. to take into consideration "the propriety of asking of the General Government to refund the sum of \$72,000, with interest, given by the State of Maryland to the General Government, in the year 1790," have complied with the direction of the order, and respectfully submit the following report:

In the Journal of proceedings of the House of Delegates of 1790, we find the following preamble and resolution:

"Whereas, by a resolution of the General Assembly of Virginia, passed on the 10th day of December, 1789, it was proposed to the General Assembly of Maryland, that the Assembly of Virginia will pass an act for advancing a sum of money, not less than \$120,000, to the use of the General Government, to be applied in such manner as Congress shall direct, towards erecting public buildings; the Assembly of Maryland, on their part, advancing a sum not less than three-fifths of the sum advanced, by the said Assembly of Virginia, which resolution came so late to the last General Assembly of Maryland that it could not be acted upon, and was therefore referred to this present session.

And whereas, this General Assembly doth highly approve of the object of the said resolution, and is desirous of doing every thing required on the part of Maryland, for carrying the same into effect.

Resolved, That this House doth accede to the proposition contained in the said resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Virginia, and will advance to the President of the United States, for the purposes mentioned in the said resolution, the sum of \$72,000, payable to his order in three equal yearly payments."

In pursuance of a subsequent motion in the House, a committee was appointed "to report to the House the ways and means to raise the sum of \$72,000, to be advanced by the State for erecting the public buildings for the use of the General Government."

The committee reported on the 13th December, the ways and means accordingly, which report was adopted.

It is found by reference to the Treasurer's account for the years 1793 and 1794, that the following payments were made to the order of the President of the United States, to wit: \$24,000