

this language is also used in the report of the committee, and wherever any proceedings in relation to it are had, language, which without torture may be understood, if indeed, it be not the only way in which it should be understood, to contemplate a loan.

The committee propose for the action of the House, the following resolutions :

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That our representatives in Congress be requested to use their exertions to obtain the passage of a law, by Congress, to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury, to refund to the State of Maryland, the sum of \$72,000, with interest, which was advanced by the State in the year 1790, to the General Government, for the purpose of erecting public buildings.

Resolved, That His Excellency, the Governor, be respectfully requested to forward a copy of these resolutions and the accompanying report, to our representatives in Congress.

Read the first time.

Mr. Buskirk reported a bill entitled, an act to authorise the mayor and councilmen of the town of Cumberland to sell and convey lot No. 280 at Beall's Addition, to the town of Cumberland ;

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

On motion of Mr. Risteau,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Risteau, Phelps and Pickell, to bring in a bill to authorise the Treasurer of the Western Shore, to sell all the internal improvement works upon which the State has liens, provided he realizes the amount of State bonds appropriated already for their construction.

Mr. Yellott reported a bill entitled, an act to compel the free negroes of this State to labor upon the public roads, or pay to the levy courts or boards of commissioners of their respective counties, an equivalent in money ;

Read the first time and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Harne reported a bill entitled, an act to quiet the possession of real estate in Washington county ;

Read the first time.

Mr. Nicols reported a bill entitled, an act to incorporate the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Chapel in the village of Hillsborough, Caroline county ;

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

On motion of Mr. Harne,

The House took up the bill entitled, an act to quiet the possession of real estate in Washington county ;

Read the second time by special order.

On motion of Mr. Buskirk,

Ordered, That the said bill be referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice.