

convention, together with the several alterations which have been made thereto by acts of assembly since that period; and that by way of appendix, there be also included the acts of assembly, commonly called the Land Laws, and the several acts for quieting possessions, enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers, which are not printed in the last edition of the laws; that is to say, the acts of 1692, ch. 13, ch. 30; 1694, ch. 11; 1699, ch. 18, ch. 42; 1704, ch. 24, ch. 9, ch. 98; 1705, ch. 10; 1706, ch. 1; 1715, ch. 45; 1717, ch. 9; 1718, ch. 18; 1720, ch. 17, together with such resolutions as may have passed since the revolution in the opinion of the compiler proper to be published.

Resolved, That Jonas Green, printer to the state, be directed to print, and procure to be bound, two hundred copies of the said edition of the laws, under the direction of the said William Kilty, Thomas Harris, and John N. Watkins, esqrs.

Resolved, That the clerk of the court of appeals for the western shore be and hereby is directed, to furnish the said William Kilty, Thomas Harris, and John N. Watkins, esquires, with copies of such acts not already printed as they may require, and to compare and examine under their direction, the acts which they shall direct to be printed in the said edition, with the records of the said acts in the office of the court of appeals, and shall note under the title of each act the liber and folio of the record book in which the same is recorded.

By order,

R. HARWOOD, Clk.

Which were read.

The bill for the relief of Rezin Wilcoxon, of Montgomery county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of Sarah Ellis, and her children, of the city of Baltimore, and the bill, entitled, An act authorizing Jane Blake, of Kent county, an alien, to hold real property, severally endorsed, will pass. Ordered to be engrossed. And the following resolution:

BY THE SENATE, February 2, 1818.

Resolved, That the senators and representatives from this state in the congress of the United States, be requested to use their exertions towards effecting a liquidation and settlement with the general government, of the claim made by this state for expenses incurred in providing for the common defence during the late war.

Resolved, That his excellency the governor be requested to forward to our senators and representatives in congress a copy of the preceding resolution.

By order,

R. HARWOOD, Clk.

Which was read the first and second time by special order, assented to, and returned to the senate. Also the following message:

BY THE SENATE, February 2, 1818.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

We have appointed Messrs. Maxcy and Cole a committee on the part of the senate, to unite with the gentlemen named in your message of the 19th ultimo, in an examination of the public buildings, and reporting what sum of money will be sufficient to put them in a proper state of repair.

By order,

R. HARWOOD, Clk.

Which was read

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill, entitled, An act to enforce the payment of specie by banks and other corporate bodies within this state, and to prevent the issuing or passing of notes under a certain denomination.

On motion by Mr. Pearce, the question was put, That the blank in the 2d line of the first section be filled up with the "first day of July?" Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Pearce, the blank in the first line of the 2d section was filled up with the "first day of July."

On motion by Mr. Pearce, the question was put, That the blank in the 3d line of the 2d page be filled up with the words "fifty dollars?" Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. W. R. Stewart, the question was put, That the said blank be filled up with "forty dollars?" Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Pearce, the question was put, That the said blank be filled up with "twenty dollars?" Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Holbrook, the question was put, That the said blank be filled up with "ten dollars?" Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Thomas, the question was put, That the third section of the bill be stricken out. Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Havnie, the question was put, That the blank in the 2d line of the 3d section be filled up with the word "January?" Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Blakistone, the question was put, That the said blank be filled up with the word "October?" Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Kell, the words "such corporation or member thereof, or person acting on behalf of such corporation," were inserted after the word "every" in the 1st line of the last page.

On motion by Mr. Kell, the blank in the last section of the bill was filled up with the words "one thousand."

On motion by Mr. Kell, the words "for every such offence" were inserted after the word "dollars" in the last section of the bill.

Mr. Pearce moved to amend the bill by adding the following sections, to wit: "And be it enacted, that it shall not be lawful for any bank to establish or continue any branch or office of discount or deposit in any part of this state, without the authority of the general assembly for that purpose, and the directors of any bank so offending, at the time of such establishment or continuance, and also the directors and officers of such branch or office of discount or deposit, or office of receipt and payment, shall severally forfeit and pay, for every week the provisions aforesaid shall be violated, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, to be recovered by action of debt in the name of the state, in the county where the person offending shall reside; provided always, that any director of the bank so establishing or continuing any branch or office of discount or deposit, or office of receipt and payment, as aforesaid, who shall prove that he had no agency in producing such establishment or continuance, shall incur the penalty aforesaid. And be it enacted, that one half of the penalty prescribed by the aforesaid section, shall go to the person suing for the same, and the other half to the state."