

The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, the following preamble and resolution were read:

Whereas the measures adopted by the legislature to provide for the deficiencies of state funds, may possibly fail, or not render such seasonable relief as the exigencies of the treasury may require; for remedy whereof

Be it resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised, to negotiate a loan, on such terms, and at such periods, as the governor and council shall approve, not exceeding the sum of _____ thousand dollars, and the faith of the state is hereby pledged for the re-payment of the principal and interest thereof.

The house proceeded to the second reading by special order of the said preamble and resolution.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, the blank in the resolution was filled up with the words "fifty thousand."

The preamble and resolution having been read throughout, the question was put, That the house assent thereto? Resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to authorise Thomas Kent, late collector of the tax of Queen Anne's county, to complete his collections; the bill relating to the town of Belle Air, in Harford county; and the additional supplement to the act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the city of Baltimore to Havre de-Grace, severally endorsed, will pass. Ordered to be engrossed. The bill to incorporate the trustees of the Church Hill Academy in Queen Anne's county, endorsed, will pass with the proposed amendments; which amendments were read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. The bill authorising the levy court of Baltimore county to levy a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned, endorsed, will pass with the proposed amendment; which amendment was read. And the bill authorising the levy court of Baltimore county to levy a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned, endorsed, will not pass.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, the following resolution was read the first and second time by special order and assented to.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Louis Gassaway chief clerk of the house of delegates, to Richard Harwood chief clerk of the senate, to John Stevens junior assistant clerk to the house of delegates, and to John N. Watkins assistant clerk to the senate, the sum of one hundred dollars each, as an additional compensation for their extraordinary services during the present session.

On motion by Mr. Blakistone, the following resolution was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Caleb Stewart the sum of sixty dollars, for taking care of the furniture, books, papers, &c. belonging to the house of delegates.

The house adjourns until this evening 6 o'clock.

POST MERIDIEM 6 O'CLOCK.

Several members attended, but there not being present a sufficient number to form a quorum, the members present adjourn until to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, February 7, 1818.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The resolution authorising the treasurer of the western shore to negotiate a loan, and the resolution in favour of the clerks, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Woodyear delivers a petition from Hugh Foy, by Alexander Foy, praying that Hugh Foy who is a foreigner may hold a lot in the city of Baltimore, devised to him; which was read and referred to Messrs. Woodyear, Kell and Bradford. Also a petition from Thomas Johnson, of the city of Baltimore, praying for a special act of insolvency; which was read and referred to the same committee.

Mr. Jenifer delivers the following report.

The committee who were appointed to examine the public buildings, and report what sum of money would be sufficient to put them in a proper state of repair, beg leave to report, that they have viewed the public buildings, and find that they want considerable repairs, but are of such a nature as cannot be particularly specified in this report, without minute examination and considerable time. Although not instructed, they would draw the attention of the house to the grounds around the state-house, which are in an uneven and irregular situation, and might be enclosed and improved with a trifling expense; conceiving, however, that all improvements should be made under the immediate direction of the executive of the state, who from their frequent attendance at the seat of government, are enabled to give a close inspection, both as to the improvements required, as well as to the expenditures necessary to be made, your committee would recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby instructed and empowered, to draw upon the treasurer of the western shore, for a sum of money not exceeding _____ thousand dollars, to be by them expended in repairing the public buildings at the seat of government, and in enclosing and improving the public circle in which the state-house is situated.

By order,

J. H. BEALL, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Brawner from the committee of claims delivers the following report:

BY THE COMMITTEE OF CLAIMS.

This committee upon the petition of Edward Ridgely, of the city of Baltimore, referred to them, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration, and as there are no documents accompanying said petition to enable your committee to form any opinion as to the justice of the claim set forth in the same, they are compelled to report unfavourable thereupon, and recommend that the said petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order,

S. FOUNTAIN, Clk.

Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Johnson the following resolution was read:

Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised, to inquire whether a lot of ground in the city of Baltimore, distinguished by the No. 65, was liable to confiscation, and if upon such inquiry they shall be satisfied that it was not so liable, then they shall order the bond given to the state for said lot by Francis Daws, and William C. Gouldsmith as his security, to be cancelled.

Mr. Forrest delivers a bill, entitled, An act relating to the jurors of Montgomery county. Also a bill,