

the resolution of the general assembly for the improving the Maryland Hospital as the said loans may be respectively due.

Mr. Breckenridge presents a petition from Margaret Dankins, praying a divorce; which was read and referred to Messrs. Breckenridge, Forwood and Montgomery.

Mr. Lecompte presents a petition from Leyin Lake, of Dorchester county, praying further time to complete his collection; which was read and referred to Messrs. Lecompte, Lucas and Griffith.

On motion by Mr. Keller, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to authorise Daniel Schnebly, late sheriff of Washington county, to complete his collections. Ordered, That Messrs. Keller, Gabby and Schnebly, prepare and bring in the same.

The further supplement to the act providing for the appointment of an attorney general, and of district attorneys in the several judicial districts of this state, and for Baltimore city court, was read the second time, and on motion by Mr. Forrest, the following amendment was read and assented to. "That one half the fees allowed by law to the district attorney of Baltimore city court, of which he shall be appointed assistant district attorney, and the other half of the said fees, shall be collected and paid over to the district attorney of Baltimore city court, on account of whose incapacity the said assistant district attorney shall have been appointed."

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

Mr. Millard delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Elizabeth Drury of Saint-Mary's county, which was read

On motion by Mr. Dorsey, the following resolution was read:

Whereas Luther Martin, Esq assumed upon himself the duties of the office of attorney general of this state, at the commencement of the American revolution, and at a period of time when it was very problematical if the glorious struggle for independence would succeed, and when it was indubitable that he would render himself odious, and an object of peculiar resentment to the crown of Great Britain, and the enemies of our revolution, by an able and zealous prosecution of those who were to be arrested and tried, for giving aid and comfort to the enemy: And whereas it is believed that many of our distinguished statesmen then declined that appointment for fear of the danger to be apprehended to their persons and property, from the resentments and secret machinations of such daring and profligate characters; and as the said Luther Martin has continued to perform the various, laborious, complicated and invidious duties of that office, for upwards of twenty-seven years, without receiving any other emoluments therefor from this state, other than the small legal fees established by law, while his great legal acquirements, his high professional reputation, and his unequalled assiduity, would have commanded the most lucrative fees, (if he had not been prevented by the very tenure of his office,) from those against whom the state had instituted either suits or prosecutions; and as both justice and gratitude require that such firmness in the cause of the revolution, and such services to the state, should be rewarded, and that such sacrifices of interest made for the benefit of us all should be remunerated, Therefore Be it unanimously resolved, that the treasurer of the western shore pay the sum of — dollars in quarterly payments, to Luther Martin.

Mr. A. H. Price delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to increase the pay of the judges of the orphans court in the counties of Baltimore, Dorchester and Washington, so far as the same relate to the county of Baltimore; which was read.

Mr. Spencer presents the petition of Caleb Briscoe, of Kent county, praying that a deed from Alexander Briscoe to him may be recorded; which was read and referred to Messrs. Spencer, Wm. R. Stuart and Brooke.

Mr. Keller presents a petition from the commissioners of the tax of Washington county, praying for a revaluation of property in said county; which was read and referred to Messrs. Keller, Gabby and Schnellly.

On motion by Mr. Dennis, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act supplementary to an act, entitled, An act to provide for the opening and extending of Pratt-street in the city of Baltimore. Ordered, That Messrs. Dennis, Montgomery, Wm. R. Stuart, Lecompte and Orrick, prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Marriott delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of the president and board of managers of the American Colonization Society, report—That they consider the object of the memorialists as highly deserving encouragement and assistance, and that its accomplishment would lead to the happiest consequences. The legislature of this state has heretofore expressed to the general government its desire, that a suitable territory should be procured on the coast of Africa, for the colonization of the free people of colour of the United States.

Your committee conceive that this subject, although peculiarly interesting to particular states, is in itself and its consequences, of the greatest importance to all. While they regret therefore, that the embarrassed situation of the finances of this state must prevent its contributing for the present towards the promotion of this object, they earnestly hope, that the general government will employ in its aid, the means and resources of the nation. They beg leave therefore to submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the governor be and he is hereby requested, to communicate to our senators and representatives in the congress of the United States, the desire of the general assembly of Maryland, that some provision may be made for obtaining a portion of territory on the coast of Africa, and for supplying the means for transporting thereto such of the free people of colour of the United States, as may be willing to remove thither.

By order,

T. POLLARD, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Wyvill presents a petition from Benjamin Popham, a revolutionary soldier, which was read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

The additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor of Montgomery and Harford counties, was read the second time and will not pass.

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