

to be derived from the said institution are taken into view, the committee are of opinion that it is proper at this time to extend to it a friendly and protecting hand, and therefore beg leave to submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the professors of the Medical College of the University of Maryland, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to negotiate and borrow from any bank or individual disposed to lend, a sum of money not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, which sum this state assumes and engages to pay and discharge, in the manner following, to wit: One moiety thereof in five years, and the other moiety in ten years, the said professors paying the interest on said loan, and the said professors, previous to the receipt by them of the sum so to be borrowed, or any part thereof, to give bond to the state of Maryland, with security to be approved by the governor and council, in double the amount borrowed, conditioned that the sum of money to be received by them under this resolution shall be applied to the payment of the debts due by the said College, and also that the proceeds of the lottery drawn, or to be drawn, for the benefit of said institution, shall, after paying the tax due to the state of Maryland, be faithfully applied to the repayment of the loan authorised by this resolution.

Which was read.

Mr. Blair delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the communications from the executive in relation to the claim of William Wood, of Allegany county, and the petition of sundry inhabitants of Allegany and Washington counties, praying that compensation may be made to the said William Wood for his losses, expenses and meritorious exertions, in following and apprehending William Cotterill, and his two sons, William and John, in the month of May last, and who were tried and convicted of murdering James Adams, at the November term in Washington county, have had the same under their consideration, and ask leave to report. That it appears from communications made to the executive from some of the first characters in the state, as well from the petitions referred to your committee, that the conduct of the said William Wood has been highly meritorious, and such as justly entitles him to the thanks of his fellow citizens, as well as to a liberal reward and compensation for his services and losses, they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to William Wood, of Allegany county, or to his order, the sum of — dollars, as a reward and compensation for his meritorious services in pursuing and apprehending William Cotterill, and his two sons William and John, who were tried and convicted in Washington county court, at last November term, of the murder of James Adams in Allegany county, in the month of May last.

Which was read.

By order,

T. POLLARD, Clk.

Mr. Hayward reports a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of James Nicholson of Talbot county. And Mr. Brooke reports a bill for the relief of Jonathan Rasin, of Kent county; which were severally read.

Mr. Lecompte presents a petition from Arthur H. Willis, of Dorchester county, praying he may be authorised to remove slaves from Delaware to Maryland; which was read and referred to Messrs. Lecompte, Lucas and Griffith.

Mr. Kennedy presents a petition from William Lewis, an old soldier; which was read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Weems presents the memorial of the judges of election in Calvert county, replying to the memorial of Daniel Kent and John Beckett, Esquires, and praying an investigation of their judicial conduct; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Forrest, the question was put, That the same be referred to the committee of elections and privileges? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, January 7, 1820.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday was read.

Mr. Lecompte presents a petition from Abraham Ross, of Dorchester county, praying to be refunded certain money over paid for Choptank Indian land; which was read and referred to Messrs. Lecompte, Griffith and Jackson.

Mr. Lecompte presents a petition from William Byas, a revolutionary soldier; which was read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

The bill for the benefit of Elizabeth Drury, of Saint-Mary's county, and the supplement to the act directing descents, were severally read the second time and passed.

On the second reading of the bill authorising and requiring the erection of indexes and finger boards throughout this state, on motion by Mr. Dorsey, the question was put, That the words "the several counties in this state" be stricken out for the purpose of inserting the words "Washington county?" Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Kellar, the question was put, That the further consideration of the same be referred to the next general assembly? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Montgomery, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act relating to the Surgical Institution of Baltimore. Ordered, That Messrs. Montgomery, Breckenridge, Maulsby, Harrison and Hayward, report the same.

The bill for the benefit of William Morsell, jun. of Frederick county, was read the second time and passed:

On the second reading of the resolutions, relative to the admission of new states into the Union, On motion by Mr. Lecompte, the question was put, That the following words be added to the first resolution, to wit: "Without requiring as a condition of their admission, the inhibition of involuntary servitude, or any other condition limiting their sovereign powers in a greater degree than the sovereign powers of the original states forming the union are limited and restrained by the constitution of the United States." Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Jenifer, the question was put, That the following be added: "Resolved, That the foregoing resolution is the expression of the opinion of the legislature of Maryland, without recogniz-