

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

On motion by Mr. Howard, the following was added after the words "in their several warehouses," and also the amount of claims that the said owner or owners may have in consequence of the occupancy of the respective houses by the state during the last year."

Mr. Howard moved to fill the blank limiting the amount of damages, with "40,000 dollars." when Mr. Gantt moved to refer the bill to the 1st June next? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Tyson presents a petition from William Jenkins, John Hillen, and others, praying for a law authorising the widening of Water-street in the city of Baltimore; referred to Messrs. Tyson, Howard and Merrick.

On motion by Mr. Tyson, leave was given to Mrs. Ann Coward, to withdraw her petition.

Mr. Turner presents petitions from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying owners of slaves may be held accountable for all thefts or misdemeanors committed by their slaves; referred to the committee on similar petitions.

Mr. Turner presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying the Great Falls of Gunpowder to be made a public highway, and the mill dams on said streams to be shetted; referred to the committee on similar petitions.

Mr. Farquhar reports a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the Hebrews in Maryland. Ordered, That the same have a second reading on the first Tuesday in February.

Mr. Worthington reports a bill, entitled, An act relating to the administration of justice in this state.

Mr. Hoffman reports a bill, entitled, An act authorizing a lottery or lotteries to raise a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned in Allegany county.

Mr. Millard reports a bill for the relief of John Clarke, of Caroline county.

Mr. Teackle delivers the following report:

The committee appointed "to inquire into the expediency of amending the civil practice as relating to the confinement of our fellow citizens in the common jails of this state," beg leave to submit the following report.—That after having devoted to the subject matter of this reference their most serious consideration, and deliberately weighed the various reasons for and against the proposition committed to them, and endeavoured to construct such provisions as should equally protect the just rights of all parties, the committee concluded to direct its views, 1. To the abolition, in certain cases, of the compulsory writ of *capias ad satisfaciendum*. 2. To the amendment of the civil practice of justices of the peace, with regard to the power of authorising arrest and confinement in civil cases. 3. To the amendment of the civil practice of courts in relation to the mesne process, and to the preparation of separate and distinct bills for these purposes. All which is respectfully submitted.

By order,

TRUEMAN CROSS, Clk.

And a bill, entitled, An act to abolish in certain cases the compulsory writ of *capias ad satisfaciendum*. Also a bill, entitled, An act to amend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, as relating to the power of authorising arrests and commitment in certain civil cases. And a bill, entitled, An act to amend the civil practice of courts in relation to mesne process.

Mr. Maxcy delivers the following resolutions:

By the House of Delegates, Jan 26, 1825.

Resolved, That the agent for the western shore, be and hereby is authorised, to secure to the state, in such manner as he may deem expedient, a tract of land, reported by him as belonging to the estate of the late Gustavus Scott, and thereafter to sell the same and pay over the proceeds to the treasurer of the western shore.

By the House of Delegates, Jan. 26, 1825.

Whereas the state agent for the western shore has reported, that he purchased certain lands in Allegany county from the estate of Gustavus Scott, no authority having been granted by this state to purchase or sell lands, therefore,

Resolved, That the state of Maryland disclaims all title and interest under the said purchase, of in and to the said lands.

By order,

TRUEMAN CROSS, Clk.

Mr. Maxcy delivers the following report; which was read.

The committee of ways and means, having taken into consideration the reports of the agent of the western shore, beg leave to report,—

That it appears from said agent's statements that the list of balances due from sheriffs on the western shore, prior to the year 1822, which are considered valid, amounted, on the 1st December 1824, to

That the balances due from county clerks and sheriffs for the years 1822, 1823, and 1824, amounted on the 1st December 1824, to	\$12,208 42
That the balance due on direct tax of 1822 amounted to	17,120 92
That the balance due on direct tax of 1823 amounted to	3,702 68
To which add amount received from clerks and sheriffs into the treasury, between December 1st and December 23, 1824	40,139 06
And the amount of taxes also received into the treasury in the same time	2,227 92
	4,141 94

And the amount of valid debts due on the 1st December 1824, will appear to be 79,540 94

It also appears, that there were debts due for confiscated property, considered in part doubtful 55,000 00

That there were debts due on bonds for confiscated property, from 1781 to 1784, which, with interest, amounted to 75,000 00

That the debts due for paper issued in 1769 and 1773, and other invalid debts, amounted with interest, to 320,000 00

That the invalid debts due from sheriffs from 1772 to 1806, amounted with interest, to 48,000 00

Making the total sum of invalid debts amount to, 498,000 00

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