

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Feb 15, 1825.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

Much inconvenience having resulted from the delay that usually attends the publication of the laws of the state, we propose, with your concurrence, that the committee of claims be instructed forthwith to contract for the printing of the laws of a public or general nature, as passed, and delivered as soon as practicable, to the clerks of the several counties of this state. By order, J BREWER, Clk.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill relative to the instruction of youth, and promotion of agriculture, Mr. Worthington in the chair. After sometime spent in considering the same, the committee rose, and the chairman reported the bill with an amendment.

The house resumed the consideration of the said bill.

On motion by Mr. Carroll the following order was read: Ordered, That the bill to provide for the public instruction of youth throughout this state, and to promote the interests of agriculture, be referred to the next general assembly, and that upon the meeting of the next general assembly, the governor be requested to have the same printed as soon as the session commences, and laid upon the desk of each member.

A division was called for, and put on the reference. Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Norris moved to strike out the residue.

Mr. Teackle moved to insert "and that the report and bill be printed on the votes and proceedings for the consideration of the people," when on motion by Mr. Wilson, the further consideration of the latter part of said order was referred to the first June next.

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

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Whereas, William Marbury, state agent for the year 1796, purchased a tract of land in Harford county called "Common Garden Corrected," which was sold under a fi. fa. to satisfy a debt due to the state of Maryland, by James Osborn, security of Samuel G. Osborn, collector of the tax for Harford county, and which the said agent sold on the 16th of July 1796 to Thomas Hall, of Harford county, for two thousand dollars, and took his bond for the payment of the same, and agreed, on behalf of the state, that neither principal nor interest was to be paid until legal possession of the said tract of land was given to the said Thomas Hall, or his heirs, or assigns, and which never has been done, Therefore,

Resolved, That the state agent for the western shore, shall take such steps as to him may seem most advisable, in order to bring the said case to a final settlement by a suit at law, in equity, arbitration or otherwise; and the said agent is also authorized and empowered to cancel the bond of the afore-said Thomas Hall, whenever the heirs, executors or administrators of the said Thomas Hall, shall relinquish to the state all right, title, interest, and claim, in and to the said tract of land, and on this being done, the said agent is authorized and empowered to dispose of the state's right in and to said tract of land, at public or private sale, for cash or credit as to him may seem most advisable, and the bonds or cash when received to deposit with the treasurer of the western shore.

Mr. J. Edelen delivers the following report:

The committee to whom were referred the petitions of sundry citizens of Charles county, praying to have the August term of their court changed, and the several memorials counter thereto, have had this subject under their serious consideration, and beg leave to report,—That from the evidence afforded your committee by means of the petitions and counter memorials upon this subject, relative to the wishes, convenience and interests of the great mass of the suitors, witnesses and jurors of the county, upon the subject of the change of the court as prayed for, appears to your committee to be in opposition to such a change. Indeed, when your committee reflect that the court for nearly thirty years has been held in the month of August, with the exception of only one year (1820,) when it was changed to November, and the next year brought back to August at the request of the people of the county, upon the ground of inconvenience, furnish the strongest evidence that the interests and convenience of the people of the county require that the court should be held at the period it now is. Upon the subject of the unhealthiness of the month of August, which appears to be the strong ground of the petitioners asking a change of the time of holding the court, your committee have only to remark, that the autumnal diseases rarely commence before the month of September, during which and the month of October the county is most unhealthy, and to hold the court on the first of November, when the weather is cold and variable, persons convalescing and just recovered from disease, weak and enfeebled, would be exposing them to cold and relapse—more pernicious to health and the constitution than the heat of the month of August can possibly be. There are two other reasons against the change as asked for, which your committee think are entitled to weight: The first is that the burthens of the county would be considerably increased; for in November the days are short, the weather cold, and not half as much business would be transacted by the court in a day as in the month of August, consequently the court would be compelled to sit double the number of days to discharge the same business. And secondly, it would deprive the present sheriff the benefit of one term of the court, which he is now entitled to by the existing laws, and which would be attended with serious loss and injury to him. Your committee for the reasons here assigned, and under a full conviction that a large majority of the people of the county interested in the court as suitors, witnesses and jurors, are opposed to the change as prayed for, are of opinion that such a change ought not to take place as prayed for by the petitioners, they therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petitions. All which is submitted.

Which was read.

The clerk of the senate returns the bill for the relief of Sophia Pitt, and the bill relating to the turnpike roads within the city of Baltimore, severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill for the relief Mary Snowden; the bill for the relief Amelia Hamilton of Washington county; the bill for the relief Ann Williams of the city of Baltimore; the bill for the relief of Ann Issett; and the supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate the village of Port Deposit, in Cecil county, severally endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments," which amendments were read. And de-