

The bill is an exact transcript of the act of 1798, ch. 86; with the exception of the clause that has been referred to. This bill it has become necessary to re-enact on account of the difficulties which have occurred during the past year, and in order to give authority to the treasurer to pay the chancellor's salary.

The resolution simply directs the payment of the year's salary, which will become due on the 16th of February. As the salary of the chancellor is payable quarterly, and has been withheld by the state, the committee have included interest on the amount of each quarter's salary from the time it became due, deeming this no more than a fair and just compensation for the injury and inconvenience that have been inflicted by the retention of the salary.

Did the committee feel themselves at liberty to advert to other topics, most cogent and persuasive arguments in favour of the course they have proposed might be derived from the arduous, important and increasing duties of the chancellor's office. They would almost gladly bear their testimony to the exemplary diligence, ability and faithfulness with which those duties have been discharged by the memorialist. But the suggestion of these considerations, though connected with the duty of the committee, does not form an essential part of it. They have therefore determined to omit them from an apprehension of transgressing the proper limits of a report. They rest the vindication of the measures they have recommended on those great constitutional principles which were established by our fathers, and the faithful maintenance of which, is essential to the preservation of the liberty and happiness of ourselves and our posterity.

Also a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for establishing and securing the salary of the chancellor; which were severally read, made the order of the day for Thursday the second day of February next, and ordered to be in the meantime printed.

And the following resolution:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed, to pay, on the sixteenth day of February 1826, to Theodorick Bland, in full of the amount which will then be due to him on account of his salary as chancellor, the sum of three thousand four hundred and seventy six dollars and fifty cents, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

On motion by Mr. Ridout, Ordered. That the inspectors of the penitentiary, cause to be forthwith prepared and transmitted to this house, a plan of such alterations in the penitentiary building, as would allow a separate apartment to each of the convicts confined therein, and preclude all intercourse between the occupants of adjoining cells.

Ordered, That the said inspectors also transmit an estimate of the expense of the proposed alterations.

Mr. Millard, chairman of the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Thomas Haith, Elizabeth Nott for her infant children, and Belinda Ford, of Saint-Mary's county.

On motion by Mr. Williams, the following preamble and resolution were submitted, and laid on the table:

Whereas, the agricultural interest in this state is in a depressed and