

by the time we have mentioned, we are fully persuaded that we shall be able to finish all that is now before us. We therefore trust you will concur with us in fixing on the day we have mentioned for adjournment, and the session will even then be several days shorter than it has been, on an average, for the last seven years.

Mr. Montgomery obtained leave to withdraw the petition of William Sloan, of Harford county.

The resolution in favour of George Page, was read the second time and assented to.

The amendments to the bill for the relief of James B. Robins, were read the second time, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Chapman delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Martin Fitzpatrick, alias Fitzking, of the city of Baltimore, praying for a special act of insolvency, are of opinion, that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted, they therefore recommend that he may have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order,

A. M'Ilhenny, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Howard delivers the following report:

The committee, to whom was referred the report of the treasurer of the western shore upon the claim of Alexander Nisbet, administrator of Thomas Cockey Deye, deceased, have had the same, together with all the documents accompanying the claim, under their consideration, and after mature deliberation, beg leave to submit the following report:

That the claim of the petitioner is, to be refunded the sum of eight hundred and seventy-four pounds, seven shillings and eleven pence, in three per cent. stocks, together with interest thereon from the first day of January A. D. 1791, which sum was paid into the treasury, under the following circumstances.

A certain Archibald Buchanan, of Baltimore county, had died indebted to the state, and judgments had been obtained against his heirs at law for the amount; to enforce the payment of which, process of fieri facias had been issued, and levied, and the lands were in possession of the sheriff of Baltimore county. In this state of things the legislature, at November session 1787, chapter 37, passed an act appointing trustees to make public sale of the said real estate, and return the funds received into the treasury, to be credited, as far as they would go, to Buchanan's account. The act further directed the trustees to receive in payment, from the purchasers, final settlement certificates, which were to be liquidated at the same rate as the existing laws provide for the sale of Nottingham Company's property, that is to say, twenty-two shillings and six pence for every ten shillings of the said debts.

The trustees, in discharge of their duty, offered the said land for sale, and the said Thomas Cockey Deye became a purchaser to a large amount, and settled his account with the trustees, by paying them final settlement certificates according to the terms of sale; and the trustees paid over the certificates to the treasurer, just as they received them from Mr. Deye. Upon the certificates thus paid into the treasury, there was due a sum over and above the amount of his purchase of £874 7 11, for interest due upon them antecedent to the 1st of January A. D. 1785; which sum was not allowed to him in the liquidation of the acc