

Joseph Haskins and John Hersey were added to the list of Magistrates for Talbot County and a new Commission issued including them.

Monday January 2. 1797

The Council met. Present His Excellency the Governor and the Honble William Nitty, James Thomas, John Davidson, James Price and John Johnson.

William Marbury agent for the State appeared in the Council Room together with William Campbell and Benjamin Harwood his securities and executed a Bond in the penalty of sixty thousand Dollars for the true performance of the duties required by the act entitled "an act to appoint an agent for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven." Ordered that the Clerk of the Council deliver the said Bond to the Treasurer of the Western Shore which was done accordingly.

The Board proceeded to the consideration of the Resolutions of the General Assembly at their last Session respecting the advance of money to the agent for the purchase of stock and determined that the Treasurer of the Western Shore should be required to advance the sum of twenty thousand dollars agreeably to the first Resolution. whereupon the following order was given.

You are hereby required to advance to William Marbury agent for the State of Maryland the sum of twenty thousand dollars to be by him applied to the purchase of six per cent stock agreeably to a Resolution passed by the General Assembly at their last Session.

Ordered that the act to appoint an agent for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven be published in the Maryland Gazette at Annapolis. The Federal Gazette at Baltimore The Herald at Easton, and in one of the George Town and Frederick Town Papers once in each week for the term of six weeks.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr. Edward Roberts the sum of two pounds twelve shillings and six pence for taking care of the Carpet and Furniture in the Senate Room.

Thursday January 5. 1797

The Council met Present His Excellency the Governor and the Honble William Nitty, James Thomas, John Davidson, James Price, John Johnson.