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RESOLUTIONS assented to November Session, 1794

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That the prompt and decisive conduct of the executive, in compliance with the requisitions of the general government, in calling out the militia, and suppression of the violent and alarming proceedings and disturbances in this state, merits the approbation of the general assembly; and that the advance of arms made by them to meet the exigencies of the general government, and secure the tranquillity of this state, although not strictly within the constitutional limits of their authority, was highly expedient and necessary; therefore the conduct is hereby approved of and ratified.

RESOLVED, That the proceedings on the indictment against Samuel Sloan, of Somerset county for celebrating the marriage between Samuel Wilkins and Althea Edwards, be suspended, and that the right of the state to the penalty by the said Sloan incurred be and is hereby relinquished, on payment of the costs of prosecution.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to deliver up to John Jones the bond passed by the said John Jones to the state of Maryland, for the purchase of land sold by the late Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, as intendant of the revenue, to the said John Jones, as stated in the petition of the said John Jones.

RESOLVED, That William Robinson and Samuel Garretson be and they are hereby released from the securityship in a bond entered into by them, for and in behalf of a certain Thomas Alexander Thompson, to the state of Maryland, and that all process and proceedings in the suits instituted against them in the general court, on the said bond, be stayed, on payment of all costs which have accrued on said suits.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to deliver up to Rachel Cowden, to be cancelled, the bond of her late husband, Joseph Cowden, conditioned for the payment of sixty-two pounds, on interest; provided the said Rachel Cowden place, or cause to be placed, in the hands of the treasurer, prior to his giving up the said Joseph Cowden's bond, a bond, in the penalty of two hundred pounds current money, with security, to be approved by the said treasurer conditioned to secure the state from any claims which may hereafter be made by the heirs of said Joseph Cowden for the property for which the said Joseph Cowden's bond was given.

RESOLVED, That the sixteenth day of December be appointed to choose one senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States, to be a resident of the eastern shore, and the person on the said shore having a majority of votes of all the attending members of both houses, be declared to be duly elected to represent this state in the senate of the United States for the term of six years; and that a commission issue to the said senator, appointed as aforesaid, signed by the governor for the time being, or in his absence by the presiding member of the council, in the following words, to wit: To ——. The legislature of Maryland reposing especial confidence in your integrity and abilities, hath appointed you senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States for the term of six years. Given under my hand, and the seal of this state, Anno Domini ———.

RESOLVED, That the executive of this state be requested to write to the secretary of state of the United States, to communicate to them as speedily as possible, whether the state of Maryland's right to certain bank stock in England is introduced as a subject of Mr. Jay's embassy to the court of Great-Britain, and if the same is to be demanded as a specific claim on the part of this state, or on any other and what terms, and when instructions were sent forward on the subject.

WHEREAS the testamentary laws of this state are at present extremely confused, contradictory and defective, and so prolix that the legislature cannot, at this session, conveniently undertake to revise and amend the whole system: And whereas it is probable that the following gentlemen, from their long experience and practice of the law, may be able, during the recess of the present legislature, to frame a very complete code of testamentary laws; RESOLVED therefore, That Alexander Contee Hanson, Samuel Chase, William Pinkney, James Tilghman, of Queen-Anne's, and Nicholas Hammond, Esquires, or any three of them, be requested to frame and prepare, for the consideration of the legislature at their next session, such a code of testamentary laws, and plan of administration thereof, as they in their judgment shall deem most wise, just and expedient; to be completed by the first Monday of November next, and laid before the general assembly at the beginning of the session.

RESOLVED, That the general assembly will guaranty to the gentlemen appointed to carry the said resolution into effect, a liberal and competent allowance for their time, talents and labour, devoted to the perfection of the system of testamentary laws contemplated by the said resolution.

RESOLVED, That the agent be authorized and empowered to allow Philip Reed the sum of fifteen pounds eighteen shillings and three-pence, in the settlement of his accounts with the state of Maryland, or such part thereof as he may think just.

RESOLVED, by the general assembly of Maryland, That the treasurer for the western shore of this state be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the said Samuel Worthington the sum of twenty-three pounds two shillings and six-pence current money, with interest thereon from the thirteenth day of October, seventeen hundred and eighty-six.

RESOLVED, That on Alexander Wilson's causing a certificate of survey of his land called Mountjoy to be passed by the examiner-general, and returned to the land-office of the western shore; and on William Pierce's causing a certificate of survey of his land called Pierce's Lot to be passed by the examiner-general, and returned to the land-office of the western shore, it shall and may be lawful for the chancellor, and he is hereby authorized and desired, to order and direct patents to issue severally thereon, to the said Alexander Wilson and his heirs, and William Pierce and his heirs, in order to vest the legal title in them and their heirs, respectively.

RESOLVED, That the interest on one hundred and three pounds ten shillings, due from Brooke Beall, clerk of Montgomery county, and Edward Burges's his security, to the state of Maryland, be remitted,

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