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*State Debtors*

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed, on the application of William Compton, of Charles county, to credit the said Compton on his bond, now in the possession of the said treasurer, with the amount of three years interest of his original bond, agreeable to payments made thereon by the said William Compton.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that Cokebury college, in the town of Abingdon, in Harford county, hath lately been consumed by fire, and that some malicious persons are supposed to have wickedly and wilfully set fire to the same; RESOLVED, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorized and requested to offer such reward as they shall think proper, not exceeding two hundred dollars, payable out of the public treasury, for the discovery of the person or persons by whom the said offence may have been committed, provided that the said person or persons be brought to justice.

*Land*

WHEREAS Peter Chaille, of Worcester county, did purchase of the late intendant of the revenue a tract of land in said county, by the name of Lunbrick, for the sum of twenty-two shillings and six-pence current money per acre, which said tract of land was sold for one hundred acres, and by actual survey the said tract of land is found to contain one hundred and forty and one half acres, which surplus land the said Peter Chaille is desirous to purchase at the same price: And whereas it also appears, that since the purchase aforesaid from the said intendant, that there was a right of dower in said lands, which was not known to exist at the time, and for which the said Peter Chaille has paid the sum of twenty-two pounds ten shillings current money, which ought to be allowed; therefore, RESOLVED, That the state agent sell to the said Peter Chaille the said forty and one half acres of land at the price of twenty-two shillings and six-pence current money per acre, with interest from the date of the original purchase of the intendant, and that the said Peter Chaille be allowed out of the purchase money aforesaid, by the agent aforesaid, the sum of twenty-two pounds ten shillings current money as a compensation for the money by him paid for the dower aforesaid.

*Land*

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Solomon Oldson, or order, one hundred and fifty-seven pounds fifteen shillings and seven-pence, with interest from the fourteenth day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-two, in satisfaction for money paid by him to the state for thirty-eight acres and one quarter of an acre of land, deficient in his purchase of part of Queen-Ann's manor, bought of the commissioners for confiscated property.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore issue to James Hutchings a certificate for the sum of fifty pounds current money, bearing interest from the twelfth day of March, seventeen hundred and ninety-four, in lieu of one issued to him of that date and for the same sum, which is since lost, he complying with all the terms of the act, entitled, An act respecting lost certificates, passed November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-two.

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RESOLVED, That Thomas Gilleland and James Boggs, of Cecil county, be and they are hereby released from the payment of the monies to the state of Maryland arising on ordinary and retailers licences in Cecil county for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-six, which they might be liable to pay in consequence of their being securities for Archibald Job, sheriff of said county, for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-six, upon their paying the costs of the suits now depending against them in the eastern shore general court for the recovery of the said monies.

WHEREAS two indictments are now pending in Worcester county court against a certain Daniel Hardnett, for retailing spirituous liquors without a licence, and who was committed to close confinement for the want of bail for his appearance to answer the said indictments: And whereas also the said Hardnett afterwards broke through the walls of the gaol and made his escape, and since, although diligent search and inquiry has been made, cannot be found in the county aforesaid; RESOLVED, That the proceedings on the said two indictments now pending against the said Daniel Hardnett for retailing spirituous liquors without a licence, shall not be prosecuted so as to charge or in any manner burthen the sheriff with the payment of the said fines or penalties, in case the same cannot be recovered of the said Daniel Hardnett.

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ON the second reading of the report on the petition of Edward Johnson, RESOLVED, That no proceedings shall be had against the representatives of William M'Laughlin, on his account with this state as sheriff or collector of Baltimore county, until the end of the next session of assembly; provided, that the executor or executors of the said William M'Laughlin shall file his or their bill in chancery, on or before the first day of May next, against the state of Maryland, for an adjustment of the said accounts by decree of the said court.

*Records*

RESOLVED, That three persons be appointed in each county in this state to view and inspect the books, records and papers, in the several public offices in their respective counties, that they have free access to the same, and that they, or a majority of them, report the state, order and condition thereof, to the next general assembly.

RESOLVED, That for the above purposes, Messieurs Thomas Attaway Reeder, Richard Bond and Joseph Ford, be appointed for Saint-Mary's county; Messieurs Thomas B. Hands, Matthew Tilghman and William Barroll; be appointed for Kent county; Messieurs William Harwood, John Griffith Worthington and Horatio Ridout, be appointed for Anne-Arundel county; Messieurs Joseph Wilkinson, William H. Reynolds and John Somervell, be appointed for Calvert county; Messieurs Henry Henly Chapman, John Thomas and William Hanson M'Pherson, be appointed for Charles county; Messieurs Robert Smith, James Winchester and George Salmon, be appointed for Baltimore county; Messieurs Nicholas Hammond, Thomas J. Bullitt and John Goldsborough, be appointed for Talbot county; Messieurs Henry James Carroll, John Gale and Charles Nutter, be appointed for Somerset county; Messieurs Josiah Bayly, William Bond Martin and John E. Gift, be appointed for Dorchester county; Messieurs Edward Oldham, Francis Partridge and Davidson David, be appointed for Cecil county; Messieurs William Kilty, Edward Nicholls and James Magruder, be appointed for Prince-George's county;