

## RESOLUTIONS assented to, November Session, 1799.

**W**HEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of James Weems, that on the seventeenth day of May, seventeen hundred and eighty-two, a certificate issued, in the name of Thomas Gray, for two hundred and thirty-three pounds sixteen shillings and six-pence, which certificate was for the use of said James Weems: And whereas it further appears, that the said certificate has been lost or mislaid by said Weems, and hath never been cancelled or redeemed; **RESOLVED**, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to pay to James Weems, or order, the sum of two hundred and thirty-three pounds sixteen shillings and six-pence currency, with interest on the same from the seventeenth day of May, seventeen hundred and eighty-two; provided that the said sum shall not be paid to the said Weems, or his order, until the said Weems, or some other person on his behalf, shall give bond to the state of Maryland, with sufficient security, to be approved by the treasurer of the western shore, conditioned to refund the aforesaid sum of two hundred and thirty-three pounds sixteen shillings and six-pence, with interest from the seventeenth of May, seventeen hundred and eighty-two, in case the said certificate should at any time hereafter be produced at the treasury office, or payment therefor demanded.

**RESOLVED**, That John Callahan, register of the land-office of the western shore, be and he is hereby authorized and required to compare the record BC and GS, No. 51, with the original certificates, and to correct them where necessary.

**RESOLVED**, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to subscribe, on behalf of this state, for one hundred and thirty shares in the augmented capital of the Patowmack company, viz. the sum of one hundred and thirty pounds sterling for each share, to be paid in six per cent. stock of the United States, at par.

**RESOLVED**, That the trustee of this state transfer the said amount of six per cent. stock to the president and directors of the Patowmack company, or their order, on the governor and council's certifying to him that bond, with sufficient security, has been lodged with them to complete the locks and navigation of said river at the Great falls, and not before.

Whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that negro Tom, the slave of Joshua Dorsey, senior, of Anne-Arundel county, was sentenced to suffer death by the judgment of the county court of Frederick county, and the said sentence has been commuted into banishment out of the United States, and the said negro slave Tom was valued by said court to the sum of ninety pounds current money: And whereas the said Joshua Dorsey had conveyed said negro to his three children, Henry Hall Dorsey, Isaac Dorsey and Elizabeth Dorsey, as appears in proof to this house, and to whom, of right, the said sum of money belongs; therefore **RESOLVED**, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to the said Henry Hall Dorsey, Isaac Dorsey and Elizabeth Dorsey, or their order, the aforesaid sum of ninety pounds, the valuation of the said negro slave Tom.

**RESOLVED**, That the chancellor be and he is hereby authorized to inquire into the facts stated in the petition of William Goodwin, Robert Dorsey and Elizabeth Dorsey, and if they are established to the satisfaction of the said chancellor, that he be authorized to direct a copy of the certificate, taken from the books of Lock Weems, formerly surveyor of Anne-Arundel county, to be received in the western shore land-office, and a patent thereon to issue, to secure the legal title to the said lands according to the interests of the respective petitioners, provided that such patent shall not be construed to affect the rights or interests of any other person or persons having claim to the said land.

**RESOLVED**, That the governor of this state be and he is hereby requested to transmit to the governor of Pennsylvania, and also to the governor of Delaware, with all convenient expedition, a copy of the act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company for the purpose of cutting and making a canal between the river Delaware and the Chesapeake bay, passed during the present session of assembly.

Whereas Daniel Lamb, of Kent county, purchased of this state ten acres of land in the reserve to Kent manor, and gave bond to the said state, with Joshua Lamb his security, for the sum of forty-five pounds current money, and paid into the treasury, on the twenty-eighth day of May, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, the sum of two pounds fourteen shillings for one year's interest on his said bond: And whereas the said Daniel Lamb did, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, file his bill in chancery to be released from said purchase, and to have