

R E S O L U T I O N S.

Lytle, be and is hereby authorized to proceed upon said bill or petition, and to ascertain the deduction, if any, that ought to have been made from the purchase money of said land, in the same manner as if said Lytle had at any time heretofore filed said bill against the state of Maryland, and that on said deduction, if any, being decreed, and the decree being presented to the treasurer of the western shore, he pay the amount thereof to the said James Lytle out of any unappropriated money which may be in the treasury.

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of this legislature, the following amendments to the constitution of the United States would conduce to the happiness of the citizens thereof, by the establishment of an uniform mode for the choice of electors of president and vice-president of the United States, and of representatives to congress.

First. That after the third day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and one, the choice of electors of president and vice-president shall be made, by the legislature of each state dividing the state into a number of districts equal to the number of electors to be chosen in such state, and by the persons in each of those districts, who shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the legislature of such state, choosing one elector in the manner which the legislature thereof shall prescribe, which districts, when so divided, shall remain unalterable until a new census of the United States shall be obtained.

Second. That the election of representatives to serve after the third day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and three, shall be, by dividing each state by the legislature thereof into a number of districts equal to the number of representatives to which such state shall be entitled, and by the people within each of those districts, who shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the legislature of such state, choosing one representative in the manner which the legislature thereof shall prescribe, which districts, when so divided, shall remain unalterable until a new census of the United States shall be obtained.

RESOLVED, That the president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of delegates, be requested forthwith to transmit the foregoing resolve to the senators, and also to the representatives, of this state in congress; and that the governor and council be and they are hereby requested to communicate the same to the supreme executives of the several states, with a request, that they may be submitted to the consideration of their respective legislatures.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to the examiner-general of the western shore such sum, in addition to his fees for the present year, as shall, in the whole, amount to the sum of £. 300, and the examiner-general shall lay before the next session of assembly the amount of fees by him received in this year, on oath.

RESOLVED, That the committee of claims be directed to allow to Robert Long, on the journal of accounts, the sum of sixty dollars, as a compensation for the support and maintenance of negro Daniel for the year eighteen hundred.

RESOLVED, That the sheriff of Baltimore county be and he is hereby directed to contract with the trustees of the poor-house of said county for the cloathing, maintenance and support, of negro Daniel, during his natural life, the said negro being the property of this state, and now under the care of Robert Long, of said county.

RESOLVED, That the sheriff, after making the contract as aforesaid, make a return thereof to the treasurer of the western shore, who is hereby directed to pay, in half yearly payments, the amount so contracted for, not exceeding sixty dollars per annum, to the said trustees, or their order; these resolutions to be of no effect, unless the said Robert Long shall notify to the said sheriff that he will no longer support and maintain the said negro at the price heretofore allowed to said Long for that purpose.

Whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that a direct and convenient communication, by a road or roads leading from the town of Cumberland, in Allegany county, to the western counties of Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the North Western Territory, would be of great public utility; therefore, RESOLVED, That Henry Kemp, of Frederick county, David Lynn, Joseph Cresap and Benjamin Beckworth, of Allegany county, and Robert Long, of the city of Baltimore, or any three of them, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to review, and report to the next general assembly, the nearest and most convenient routs from the said town of Cumberland to the said counties of Pennsylvania, Virginia, and to the North Western Territory, westward of the Laurel Hill, accompanying the same with a plot or plots, with references by figures, and other explanations, the nature of the ground, and courses and distances, also an estimate of the expence that may be necessary to open, clear and complete the same; and in the execution of this resolution the said commissioners are hereby required to be governed by a view to the promoting and advancing the interest of the state of Maryland, and they are hereby also required and directed to report the place where, in their opinion, the portage between the waters of the Patowmack and Monongahela ought to be fixed, and the distance, and the probable expence in completing the same.

RESOLVED, That the expence of the same be paid by those who may voluntarily subscribe therefor.

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