

## RESOLUTIONS.

Dec Ses 1817.

No. 38.

Passed Feb. 6  
—of James  
Eccleston.

RESOLVED, That all interest that accrued since December the first, eighteen hundred and eight, on the claim of the state against the estate of John Eccleston, one of the securities of William Ennalls, late of Dorchester county, deceased, for Indian lands purchased August twentieth, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, be and the same is hereby released; *Provided*, and it is hereby expressly understood, that the said release shall have no effect to discharge or release the estate of the said William Ennalls, the principal, or Joseph Ennalls, the other security.

Passed Feb 12  
—of the clerks

No. 39.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Louis Gassaway chief clerk of the house of delegates, to Richard Harwood chief clerk of the senate, to John Stevens, junior, assistant clerk to the house of delegates, and John N. Watkins assistant clerk to the senate, the sum of one hundred dollars each, as an additional compensation for their extraordinary services during the present session.

Passed Feb. 12  
Relative to the  
naval depot.

No. 40.

WHEREAS, it is in the contemplation of the government of the United States to establish a naval depot at some place best fitted to answer the purposes of providing for the common defence and promoting the general welfare: And whereas the harbour of Annapolis is in all respects well adapted to answer those important views, by reason of its central position, and other weighty considerations; if it should be selected for that purpose, provided the navigation into the Severn river should be facilitated by the removal of a small and inconsiderable obstruction near the mouth of said river; Therefore,

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore, under the direction of the governor and council, pay to John Randall, Henry Maynadier, Jeremiah Hughes, Nicholas Brewer and Francis Hollingsworth, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars current money, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, to be applied to cutting a channel through an obstruction or bar at or near the mouth of Severn river, so as to render the ingress into said harbour of vessels of the largest class perfectly free from all difficulties; *Provided however*, that before the said sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, or any part thereof, shall be paid to the said John Randall, Henry Maynadier, Jeremiah Hughes, Nicholas Brewer and Francis Hollingsworth, or either of them, they shall give their bond to the state of Maryland, in the penalty of fifty thousand dollars current money, with securities to be approved by the governor and council, binding themselves, and their said securities, their heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, that the said sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, and every part thereof, shall be faithfully and exclusively applied to the purpose aforesaid, which said bond shall be recorded in the office of the court of appeals for the western shore, and upon the same, or a certified copy thereof, a suit or suits may be instituted in the name and for the use of the state, if the said money, or any part thereof, shall be applied to any purpose or use other than that contemplated by this resolution: *Provided always*, that no money shall be paid under this resolution unless the governor and council shall be assured that the city of Annapolis, or some other place in its neighbourhood, will be the place fixed on for the naval depot.

Passed Feb 10.  
In favour of  
clerk of the  
council.

No. 41.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised to pay annually, in quarterly payments, to Ninian Pinkney, five hundred dollars, as an additional compensation for his services as clerk of the council.

Passed Feb 11  
—of John  
Leeds Kerr.

No. 42.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to pay to the order of John Leeds Kerr, the agent for settling the claims of Maryland with the general government, the sum of eight hundred and fifty dollars, from any unappropriated money in the treasury, in part compensation for his services.

Passed Feb 13  
Relative to  
runaway negroes.

No. 43.

WHEREAS the encouragement given to negroes running away from their owners in this state, and the harbouring the same by sundry persons in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania and state of Delaware, has long been a serious inconvenience to the owners of slaves, and is a growing evil, injurious in its consequences even to slaves themselves; Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the governor be authorised and required to open a correspondence immediately with the executives of Pennsylvania and Delaware, stating at large the grievances under which the citizens of this state labour, in consequence of the protection given in those states to runaway negro slaves, and the difficulty which the owners experience in recover-