

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 12, 1787.

Whereas it is represented to this general assembly by the petition of Thomas Canfield, that he entered into the service of the United States by enlisting as a private soldier in the fourth Maryland regiment, then commanded by colonel Steward, in the year 1781, and continued to serve in the Maryland line for more than two years, and until the end of the war; that he was employed as a labourer to the workmen on the stadt-house; that early in the morning of the 12th November last, he ascended the scaffold of the stadt-house to the roof thereof with a load of shingles, when his foot unfortunately slipped, from the fright of which, and not having it in his power to lay hold of any thing for his safety, he fell from the roof of the stadt-house to the ground, at least eighty feet, whereby he was so much bruised, and received so many contusions, that he was carried home senseless, where he continued several weeks not expected to live; that he is in a languishing condition, and totally deprived of earning any kind of support for himself, his wife and two helpless children, who were dependent on him for their bread from his daily labour; RESOLVED, That the justices of Anne-Arundel county orphans court are hereby authorised and empowered to make the same allowance to Thomas Canfield as maimed and disabled soldiers are allowed, while he continues unable to support himself by labour.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

And also the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 13, 1787.

On the second reading the report on the petition of Robert Long, RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore set off and discount all interest due to this state from the said Robert Long on any bond or bonds passed by him for the purchase of confiscated property, out of the sum of six hundred and eighty-seven pounds five shillings and nine-pence, due to him according to the said report; and that the said treasurer give a certificate or certificates to him for the residue, and the said certificate or certificates be payable and received for interest payable for confiscated property sold, or for public assessments due, or to become due.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Burgess, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Simon Nicholls, late collector of the public tax for Montgomery county, and of Alexander Catlett and Thomas Nicholls, his securities, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 12, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 13, 1787: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

And also the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 13, 1787.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE intend to adjourn on Tuesday next, and expect to finish by that time such business as we think cannot be delayed until our meeting in March. We request the senate to prepare to conclude the session at the time we propose.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Perkins, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the bill, entitled, An act to direct descents, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 21, 1786: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 14, 1787: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Miller, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 15, 1787.

Whereas it appears, by the petition of Vachel Downes, of Queen-Anne's county, one of the executors of Samuel Ridgway, late of said county, deceased, and late collector thereof, appointed by law to collect the arrears of taxes due to the said deceased, that he hath found amongst the papers of the deceased divers certificates, a list whereof is annexed to his said petition, and that he believes the said deceased intended to have paid into the treasury such of the said certificates on interest, as were payable by law for public taxes, but was prevented by death; that the petitioner hath, since the said collection has been put into his hands, offered the said certificates to the treasurer of the eastern shore, towards discharging the said arrears, who refused to receive the same without an oath, such as the petitioner could not take, unless by order of the legislature: And whereas this general assembly are of opinion that relief ought to be given in the premises; therefore RESOLVED, That the said Vachel Downes be allowed to pay into the treasury any such certificates as by law are receivable for public taxes, in discharge of the arrears due from the said deceased, without taking the oath in such cases required by law, provided he makes it appear, to the satisfaction of the treasurer, that he the said Vachel Downes came into possession of the said certificates, so by him offered in payment, in such manner as by his said petition is set forth.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr.