

The following resolution was prepared and agreed to.

BY THE SENATE, MAY 11, 1787.

RESOLVED, That the five commissioners appointed by the general assembly on the twentieth of February, seventeen hundred and eighty-six, to meet commissioners from Pennsylvania and Delaware, or any three or more of them, be authorized to meet commissioners from the states of Virginia, Pennsylvania and Delaware, jointly or separately, and to communicate the regulations of commerce and duties proposed by each state, and to confer on such subjects as may concern the commercial interests of the said states, and within the power of the respective states, and the meeting of the commissioners be on the third week of September next, and at such place as they shall agree on, and that their proceedings be reported to the legislature of this state; and the said commissioners be authorized to meet the commissioners from the said states before the time above mentioned at such time and place as may be agreed on.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The senate met. Samuel Hughes, Esquire, appeared in the senate.

Mr. Hollingsworth, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to lay out several turnpike roads in Baltimore county, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, May 10, 1787." Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, May 11, 1787: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

The bill, entitled, An act to grant to Oliver Evans, for a term of years, the sole and exclusive right of making and selling, within this state, the machines therein described, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The resolution respecting Job Garretson, was read the second time, assented to, and with the above bill and the resolution respecting commissioners, was sent to the house of delegates by John Smith, Esquire.

The president lays before the senate a letter from Uriah Forrest, Esquire, resigning his seat as a delegate to congress.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire, from the conference appointed to consider the subject of relief to private debtors, brings in and delivers to the president the following report:

AT a meeting of conferrees appointed for the purpose of considering the subject of relief to private debtors, were present, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, William Perry, Richard Ridgely, Esquires, senators; Thomas Johnson, Robert Wright, Jesse Hollingsworth, Brice T. B. Worthington, John Hoskins Stone, Esquires, from the house of delegates.

The conferrees having taken into their consideration the distressed situation of private debtors, and desirous of affording some relief, came to the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of the conferrees, that the instalment of private debts is a measure at this time necessary.

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of the conferrees, that the creditor should be obliged to accept of the proposed instalments from the debtor.

That it is the opinion of the conferrees, that it should be optional with the debtor to accept of the instalments as proposed.

That all debts contracted before the first day of September, 1786, shall be installed, except those debts comprehended in the treaty of peace between the United States and his Britannic majesty.

That the proposed instalments shall not exceed the term of five years.

That no instalment be made of any debt under twenty pounds current money, but the court may grant a stay of execution for any sum less than twenty pounds, not exceeding twelve months.

All sums above twenty pounds, and under eighty pounds, to be installed for two years.

All sums above eighty pounds, and under one hundred and sixty pounds, for three years.

All sums above one hundred and sixty pounds, and under five hundred pounds, for four years.

All sums above five hundred pounds for five years.

The interest of the whole debt to be paid at each instalment.

That the debtor shall, within three months, give notice to his creditor, or his agent, that he intends to install his debt, and appoint a time and place for that purpose.

That the debtor shall, on instalment, give good and sufficient security for the debt, and on the creditor's refusing the security, the sufficiency of such security is to be determined by two magistrates of the county where the debtor resides.

That the creditor, on a bond given by the debtor for the payment under instalments, may file the same with the clerk of the county, and on nonpayment, the plaintiff, on filing an affidavit, may issue execution for the instalment due, and the interest, and if on return of such execution the debtor can prove a payment, the creditor to pay all costs of such execution.

That there shall be no appeal or writ of error to remove any debt installed agreeably to this act, nor any supersedeas allowed.

That British creditors comprehended under the treaty of peace, on consenting to the instalments, shall have the same benefit under this law as other creditors.

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

Mr.