

Mr. Funk, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act respecting the securities of public debtors, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 10, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

The president lays before the senate a letter from John White, commissioner, enclosing a report of the progress made in the settlement of the accounts of this state with the United States; and also a petition from the securities of the late Thomas Williams, praying that certain black money may be applied to the sinking fund debt due from the said Thomas Williams; which were read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The resolution respecting Joseph Clark, was read the second time and dissented to.

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

### W E D N E S D A Y, December 12, 1787.

**T**HE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The letter and enclosure from John White, the petition from the securities of the late Thomas Williams, and the resolution respecting Joseph Clark, were sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire.

The bill, entitled, An act respecting the securities of public debtors, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 12, 1787.

Whereas it appears to this general assembly, that Vachel Downes, late collector of the arrears of taxes due from Samuel Ridgaway, Esquire, deceased, in Queen-Anne's county, hath paid into the treasury of this state the amount of said arrears due as aforesaid, but notwithstanding great exertions, had it not in his power to complete the collection of the same within the times limited by law, and that by reason thereof, he is still liable for a considerable sum as interest; **RESOLVED**, That the said Vachel Downes, be and is hereby released from any interest for which he may by law be liable on account of the arrears of taxes aforesaid; provided always, that where interest hath been received from the inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county, either by the said Vachel Downes, or any deputy collector acting under his authority, that then the said Vachel Downes shall be accountable to the person from whom received for all such interest, and the same may be recovered, if necessary, by action or warrant, as the case may be, as in other cases where money has been had and received to the use of the party entitled thereto.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

The bill, entitled, An act to determine by election where the court-house and prison of Caroline county shall be built, was read the second time and will not pass.

The president lays before the senate a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Baltimore-town, respecting certain drawbacks and deductions; and also a remonstrance from the said inhabitants against the repeal of the act for turnpike roads in the said county; which were read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and, with the above bill, sent by John Hall, Esquire.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 12, 1787.

Whereas an appeal is now depending in the court of appeals on the question, whether the purchasers of confiscated property since the consolidating act, can pay their annual interest in specie certificates made receivable for the principal due for the said purchases: And whereas a resolution has passed the legislature to stop all actions and executions against the debtors of said property purchased since the consolidating act, till the court of appeals shall determine thereon: And whereas from the distant situation of many debtors from the seat of government, who are interested in said question, may not hear of the determination of said question, and may be subject to immediate execution before they have an opportunity of paying said interest; **RESOLVED**, That the treasurer of the western shore, be and is hereby authorized and directed to suspend and stop all actions and executions against said debtors, till six weeks after the court of appeals shall determine thereon on the appeal now depending before them for that purpose, and that this resolution be published six weeks in the Maryland Gazette and Baltimore Advertiser.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the securities of John Hayman Nichols, collector of the tax for Montgomery county, was read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. In the 9th page, and interlineation of the 8th line, strike out "some of them." In the 10th page, and 7th line, same amendment. In the same page, and interlineation of the 12th line, strike out "or any of them." At the end of the bill insert "And be it enacted, that in case of failure of payment at the days herein before limited respectively, the bonds so given by the said Robert Peter, John Murdock, William Deakins, junior, Bernard Oneale, Edward Burges,