

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 7, 1789.

RESOLVED, That William Alexander, of Cecil county, may at any time, on or before the first day of March next, pay into the treasury, in depreciation or other liquidated state certificates, the amount of the balance due by him on a contract with the commissioners for the sale of confiscated property.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 7, 1789.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be authorized and directed to receive from Benjamin Bradford Norris, one of the securities of Samuel Groomé Osborn, collector of the tax for Harford county for the year 1786, the certificates received by said Osborn, agreeably to an account proved on the nineteenth of October, 1789, before Bennett Bussey, one of the justices for said county, and credit the account of said collector for the principal and interest of said certificates.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which two last resolutions were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. And also the bill, entitled, An act to repeal all those parts of an act of assembly, passed at February session, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, entitled, An act to punish certain crimes and misdemeanors, and to prevent the growth of toryism, which make it necessary to take, repeat and subscribe, the oath therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 7, 1789: " Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

The honourable John Smith, Esquire, is elected president in the room of Daniel Carroll, Esquire, who is indisposed.

The bill, entitled, An act for the removal of the seat of justice from Melvill's Warehouse to Choprank Bridge, in Caroline county, was read the second time and will not pass.

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

T U E S D A Y, December 8, 1789.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Carroll, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to enable the justices of Saint-Mary's county court to assess a sum of money on the said county for the support of an idiot, the child of Benjamin Bradburn, in the said county, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 3, 1789: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

" By the house of delegates, December 7, 1789: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. And also the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 8, 1789.

RESOLVED, That the commissioners appointed by the governor and council to distribute the land westward of Fort Cumberland to the officers and soldiers of the Maryland line, be directed to deliver lieutenant James John Skinner, late of the seventh Maryland regiment, a ticket containing four lots of the aforesaid land, in like manner as to other officers of the Maryland line in the service of the United States.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

The resolutions respecting Benjamin Lamming and Nancy Handy, were severally read the second time and dissented to.

The resolution respecting Benjamin Bradford Norris, was read the second time and assented to.

The resolutions respecting the property of Robert Christie; the resolutions respecting Nancy Handy, Benjamin Lamming and Benjamin Bradford Norris; the message and resolution respecting the abolition of slavery; and the letter from the president of the council, enclosing sundry papers from the agents of the state appointed to purchase property taken in execution at the suit of the state, were, with the following message, sent to the house of delegates by James Carroll, Esquire:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 8, 1789.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have dissented to the resolution authorising the issuing of additional certificates to the creditors of Robert Christie. As this subject is of much moment, we beg leave to assign the motives of our conduct, and to direct the attention of the legislature to these particulars, lest the interests of this state should be unwarily involved beyond the funds intended for the payment of claims exhibited against the estates of persons convicted or attainted of treason.

After the general confiscation of British property, it was thought just and reasonable that such claims of our fellow-citizens as should be admitted and adjusted, should also be paid or secured; but it cannot be conceived that it was the intention of the legislature to make the state answerable beyond the value of the property which was made chargeable with these claims; but we are apprehensive that the amount of sales upon this property, which is indeed very considerable, and appears to exceed the demands of the creditors, hath been hitherto the rule by which the propriety of issuing certificates hath been determined. Now when we consider the nature of the security given by the purchasers