

lation of a night watch, and the erection of lamps, in Baltimore-town, the resolution respecting the debts of Robert Christie, the bill, entitled, An act to explain and amend an act, entitled, An act for regulating the mode of staying execution, and for repealing the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and the address to John Henry and Richard Potts, were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the preservation of the breed of fish, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 21, 1792: Read the first and 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.

And a bill, entitled, A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to restrain the ill practices used by sheriffs in taking goods by fieri facias and selling them by venditioni exponas, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 1, 1792: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

"By the house of delegates, December 20, 1792: Read the second time and will not pass.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, with the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 20, 1792.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house have returned the bill for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, and hope that your honours, on reconsideration, will assent thereto, or that you will propose some system for the relief of those unfortunate citizens which will contain more salutary provisions. We conceive that the bill contains every necessary guard against fraud, and that it is as unexceptionable in all its parts as the nature of the subject will admit. It appears to us that the legislature ought not to adjourn until some provision be made for the objects of the bill, many of whom must otherwise remain immured in gaol, without a prospect of relief, until the next meeting of the general assembly. The feelings of humanity so strongly suggest the propriety and necessity of a bill for their relief, that we flatter ourselves your honours will either assent to that passed by this house, or that you will send us one better adapted to the relief of those debtors, and at the same time more likely to secure justice to their creditors.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

And also the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 20, 1792.

Whereas, by an act to appoint an agent for the year 1792, and other purposes, all the debtors of this state, who have or might have installed under the act relating to the debtors and creditors of this state, were permitted to discharge their debts by five annual payments, the first of which was due and became payable on the first of December, 1792: And whereas the securities of Thomas Williams paid into the treasury one third part of the principal of their installed debt on the 26th day of July, 1791, which deprived them of the indulgence granted by the act of the last session, without the payment of one fifth of the remaining balance; and it appearing to this general assembly but reasonable and right that the said securities should have every indulgence that other debtors are entitled to, who are at this time compelled to pay but one fifth of their installed debt, RESOLVED, That no process shall issue on the bond or bonds passed by the securities of Thomas Williams to the state, for the debt by them installed, before the first day of December next, provided the interest now due thereon be paid before the first day of April next, and that the securities be put on the same footing with debtors of this state who installed under the act to appoint an agent for the year 1792, as to the future payments of their installed debt.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

On motion, the question was put, That the senate reconsider the bill for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors? And the yeas and nays being called for, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

William Perry, Esquire, president, William Tilghman, William Hindman, John Eager Howard, James Hollyday, Edward Lloyd, James M^cHenry, Charles Goldsborough and Richard Tasker Lowndes, Esquires.

N E G A T I V E.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

On reconsideration of the said bill, the question was put, That the said bill do pass as amended? The yeas and nays being called for, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

William Perry, Esquire, president, William Tilghman, William Hindman, James Hollyday, Edward Lloyd and James M^cHenry, Esquires.

N E G A T I V E.

John Eager Howard, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Charles Goldsborough and Richard Tasker Lowndes, Esquires.

So it was determined in the affirmative, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk of the senate.

Amendments