

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 18, 1794.

RESOLVED, That the agent be authorized and empowered to allow Philip Reed the sum of fifteen pounds eighteen shillings and three-pence, in the settlement of his accounts with the state of Maryland, or such part thereof as he may think just.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

All which said bills and resolutions were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates returns the resolution in favour of Rachel Cowden, with the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 18, 1794.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE return you the resolution in favour of Rachel Cowden for reconsideration. The facts existing in the case appeared to us to be; that the claim of the state arises from a purchase made by her late husband of the commissioners of confiscated property of a lot in Charles-town, which, at the time of purchase, was represented to be unincumbered, although the title thereto was in a certain Jonathan Hudson. It appeared to us, that a court of chancery would vacate the sale, and order her husband's bond to be delivered up. But considering the circumstances of the petitioner, and the smallness of the sum claimed, we are unwilling to compel her to resort there for redress. The costs, and other expences, attending which, would be nearly equal to the sum claimed, and which the petitioner must inevitably defray. You will please to recollect, that although the interest, if any, acquired by the purchase, has descended to the children of Mr. Cowden, the personal estate is the fund from which the debt must be first paid, and to exhaust that would injure the petitioner as well as her children. As Mrs. Cowden is unquestionably entitled to relief, and the only obstacle to the granting it by the legislature arises from the claim of the children, we are willing to annex to the resolution, as a condition upon which she shall obtain her husband's bond, that security shall be given to indemnify the state against the claim of Mr. Cowden's heirs, which is all we conceive necessary to secure the state.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The clerk of the house of delegates brings in and delivers to the clerk of the senate the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 18, 1794.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE;

WE agree to the proposition contained in your message of yesterday to close the present session on Monday next, if the necessary business can be completed. To accomplish this purpose, we have determined to sit the remainder of the session from nine o'clock in the morning until two in the afternoon, and from five until eight in the evening.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The bill, entitled, An act relating to the Patowmack company, and the navigation of the Patowmack River, was read the second time by especial order and will pass, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act to withdraw the funds from Washington and Saint-John's colleges, agreeably to the order of the day, was taken up, and, upon motion, postponed.

A conference with the house of delegates respecting the objects of the order of the day was then moved for and seconded, but not agreed to.

The order of the day was again taken up, and, upon motion, postponed.

The following resolutions were then moved for by James M^cHenry, Esquire.

RESOLVED, That the situation and circumstances of the people of this state make it expedient to frame a system of county schools, as subsidiary to the colleges, and the more extensive promulgating of learning.

RESOLVED, That a committee from the senate should be appointed to confer with a committee from the house of delegates, in order to obtain their sentiments on the subject, and what taxes might be, with propriety, laid to support the said schools.

The previous question was called for on the resolutions, and appeared as follow on the first resolution :

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

The honourable James M^cHenry and William Cooke.

N E G A T I V E.

The honourable Mr. President, the honourable John Eager Howard, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Charles Goldsborough, Richard T. Lowndes, John Campbell, William Winder, Robert Smith, Matthew Tilghman and Richard Sprigg.

So it was determined in the negative.

On the second.

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

The honourable James M^cHenry.

N E G A T I V E.

The honourable Mr. President, the honourable John Eager Howard, Charles Goldsborough, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Richard T. Lowndes, John Campbell, William Winder, Robert Smith, Matthew Tilghman, William Cooke and Richard Sprigg.

So it was determined in the negative.

Agreeable