

the said composition money due, then and in such case scire facias shall issue on said bond or bonds for the recovery of the balances due the state on such bond or bonds.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which said bills and resolution were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hammond, from the committee to whom the resolution in favour of John Eccleston was committed, reported the said resolution.

On motion, the senate took up the second reading of the said resolution, and dissented from the same.

The following message was prepared, read and agreed to.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 26, 1797.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have dissented from the resolution in favour of John Eccleston. Upon examination of the facts, and also the resolves heretofore made in relation to this subject, the senate are of opinion, that the said John Eccleston is entitled to legislative interposition, but conceive the award of the arbitrators exhibited in this case does not authorise the data upon which the specific relief contemplated by you ought to be grounded. The resolve in seventeen hundred and ninety-five, it appears to the senate, does not admit an idea, that the arbitrators thereby to be appointed had any further power than to ascertain the quantity of land affected by the claim of the heirs of colonel Ryder, in order that a suspension of execution might take place upon the judgment against the said John Eccleston, upon his paying for the land not affected by the said claim. The senate will concur in any resolve upon principles similar to those contained in the resolution herewith transmitted.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and establish a road from the city of Annapolis to the city of Washington, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 23, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 26, 1797: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

A bill, entitled, An act to repeal part of the act, entitled, An act to regulate auctions in Baltimore-town, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 13, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 26, 1797: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

A bill, entitled, An act to authorise the laying out a public road from John Neal's lane, in Harford county, to intersect the road leading to the city of Baltimore, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 20, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 26, 1797: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

A bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the benefit of Sarah Hickley, Mary Anne Hickley, Robert Hickley, Thomas Hickley and Samuel Hickley, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 26, 1797: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

And also the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 26, 1797.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised to pay off and discharge the principal and interest due on all certificates heretofore issued by the state of Maryland, other than those distinguished as fraudulent ones, provided the same are brought into the treasury for payment on or before the first day of October, 1798.

RESOLVED, That all holders of certificates heretofore issued, and funded by the state of Maryland, bring the same to the treasury of the western shore for payment of principal and interest on or before the first day of October next; and that no interest on any certificates heretofore issued, which shall accrue after the said first day of October, 1798, shall be paid thereafter, nor the principal sum until after the end of the next session of assembly.

RESOLVED, That such part of the five months pay due to the officers and soldiers of the Maryland line, and due for services on board the barges, as shall not be demanded of the treasurer of the western shore on or before the first day of October, 1798, be not paid to any person or persons demanding any part of the same thereafter, but be subject to such appropriation as shall hereafter be declared.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised to pay off and discharge the amount of principal and interest of such bills of credit of the emission under the act of June, 1780, as may be produced and brought into the treasury on or before the first day of October next.

RESOLVED, That if the holders of bills of credit emitted in virtue of the act of June session, 1780, do not bring the same into the treasury of the western shore for payment on or before the first day of October, 1798, that all interest from that time cease thereon, and the principal not to be paid until after the end of the next session of assembly.

RESOLVED, That the resolutions passed at the last session of assembly for limiting the time to the first of July last for bringing in certificates for payment, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which said bills and resolution were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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