

the claim of this state against the said John Eccleston for the purchase money thereof; therefore, **RESOLVED**, That the agent of the state be and he is hereby authorized and empowered, with all convenient speed after this session of assembly, to repair to the premises so purchased by the said John Eccleston, first giving him ten days notice in writing of the time appointed by him for this purpose, and to view and examine the lands so taken away, and to receive and consider such evidence respecting the quality and situation thereof as may enable him, in aid of his own judgment thereupon, to ascertain the true relative value of the lands so affected, having regard to the original terms of the contract made by the said John Eccleston for the purchase thereof; and the said agent is hereby authorized and empowered to report the valuation which he shall so make thereof to the auditor-general, under his hand and seal, without delay.

And it is further **RESOLVED**, That the said auditor, upon receiving the report of the said agent, and after procuring the account of the state against the said John Eccleston from the books of the treasury, shall forthwith proceed to settle and liquidate the true balance resulting from the examination of the papers, and deducting the valuation so to be reported; and the said auditor shall certify the settlement and liquidation aforesaid to the treasurer of the western shore, who is hereby authorized and directed to pay the said John Eccleston, his executors, administrators or assigns, such balance of money, if any, as may be found due to the said John Eccleston upon such settlement and liquidation, so made by the said auditor; and all proceedings upon the judgment obtained against the said John Eccleston for the cause aforesaid shall be and the same are hereby suspended until the further order of the legislature.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

By THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 10, 1798.

RESOLVED, That all proceedings at law against Robert Long for the balance this state now claims of him, be delayed and suspended until the twentieth day of June next, and that in the meantime the chancellor be authorized and empowered to inquire into all claims and demands, if any, that the said Robert Long may now have against the state of Maryland, without regarding the regular course of procedure; provided the chancellor shall not decree to the said Robert Long a greater sum for his legal cost of suit than ninety-nine pounds fifteen shillings and five-pence one farthing, and for the waste of timber and detention of his land than nine hundred pounds specie, being the sum awarded, but shall decide whether the said Robert Long is entitled to interest on the sum of ninety-nine pounds fifteen shillings and five-pence one farthing, and whether the said Long is entitled to interest on the said sum of nine hundred pounds, and from what time; and the decree when made, to be transmitted to the treasurer of the western shore on or before the first day of August next, who shall settle with the said Robert Long according to the principles and directions of said decree.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

Mr. Grahame has leave of absence.

On motion, Mr. Dorsey delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act respecting the acknowledgement of deeds; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Stephen Zacharie, of the city of Baltimore, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The resolution in favour of the heirs or administrators of Brook Beall, was read the second time and dissented from.

The bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to lay out several turnpike roads in Baltimore county, and for other purposes, was read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. In the 17th line of the 1st page strike out the word "August" and insert the word "October." In the same line of the same page strike out from the word "next" to the end of the bill, and insert the following clause: "And be it enacted, That the commissioners of review, or a majority of them, shall have power and authority to call on any person or persons who have or may hereafter be appointed collector or collectors of the tax imposed on Baltimore county by the original act to which this is a further supplement, to settle and pay the amount of said tax, agreeably to the directions of the said original act, and in case of refusal or neglect to settle and pay the same within the time directed by law for payment of the county levies, the commissioners of review, or a majority of them, shall proceed against the said collector or collectors, and their securities, in the same manner as the justices of the peace are directed by the act for the establishment and regulation of the levy courts in the several counties of this state are directed to proceed against collectors and their securities, and there shall be similar proceedings and similar remedy for the recovery of the same."

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, January 11, 1798.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Ridgely, who is indisposed. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Stephen Zacharie, of the city of Baltimore, the bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to lay out several turnpike roads in Baltimore county, and for other purposes, with the amendments thereto, and the resolution in favour of the heirs or administrators of Brook Beall, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The resolutions in favour of John Eccleston, of Dorchester county, were read the second time by especial order and assented to.

The bill, entitled, An act relating to the records in the register of wills and clerk's offices in Queen-Anne's county, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act for the more effectual collection of the county charges in the several counties of this state, thus endorsed;

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