

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 18, 1800.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and required to pay to the adjutant-general of this state for the time being, the sum of five hundred dollars, and no more, in quarterly payments, as his salary for the year eighteen hundred and one, provided the adjutant-general reside or keep an office at the seat of government.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 18, 1800.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to the examiner-general of the western shore such sum, in addition to his fees for the present year, as shall, in the whole, amount to the sum of £. 300, and the examiner-general shall lay before the next session of assembly the amount of fees by him received in this year, on oath.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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Whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that negro Ben, the slave of Thomas Wing, of Caroline county, was tried and convicted of murder at the eastern shore general court, held at the court-house in the town of Easton, in September, eighteen hundred, which said sentence was commuted, and that the said slave was valued by the court to the sum of eighty pounds current money; therefore, RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to the said Thomas Wing, or order, the sum of eighty pounds current money, the valuation of the said negro slave Ben.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

The further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, was read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. After the word "act" in the sixteenth line of the first page insert "and under the act, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, passed during the present session." Strike out the last clause of the bill.

The following message was prepared, read, and agreed to.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 18, 1800.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have amended the bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, under an impression that the part directing the payment of the fees to the chancellor is unconstitutional; perhaps our former message on the subject was not sufficiently explicit. Our idea is, that the salary of the chancellor ought to be certain and determinate, and not contingent. If a resolve should be passed by your house, increasing the chancellor's salary for the ensuing year, it will meet with our approbation. We calculate that the fees which will be paid into the treasury by insolvents will yield about seven hundred and fifty dollars.

By order,

W. S. GREEN, clk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act for building a new gaol in Baltimore county, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 18, 1800: 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.

The following message and bill therein mentioned.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 18, 1800.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have rejected your amendments to the bill, entitled, An act to rebuild the poor-house in Anne-Arundel county, and we hope that on reconsideration you will be induced to recede therefrom.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The following message was prepared, read, agreed to, and, with the bill therein mentioned, sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 18, 1800.

GENTLEMEN,

IN consequence of your message we have reconsidered our amendments to your bill, entitled, An act to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to voters and the qualification of voters, with that serious attention which the importance of the subject merits. Without intending to enter into argument on a subject upon which each branch of this legislature has an equal constitutional power to act, on this occasion we feel it due to you, as well as ourselves, to state, in few words, the grounds upon which our amendments were framed. In adopting the first amendment, we were influenced by the following considerations. 1. It is substantially conformable to the wise principle laid down in our bill of rights, as the foundation of the right of suffrage; viz. that every man having property in, a common interest with, and an attachment to, the community, ought to have a right of suffrage.