

The committee further report, that they have considered the memorials of Benjamin Harwood, of the city of Annapolis, John P. Paca, of Queen-Anne's county, and Charles Chilton, of Saint-Mary's county, praying that provision may be made for the payment of certain bills of exchange held by them, drawn by the treasurer of the western shore as commissioner under and by virtue of the act of assembly passed at November session, seventeen hundred and seventy-nine; chapter thirty-eight, entitled, An act for calling out of circulation certain bills of credit emitted by act of assembly.

The committee are of opinion, that in as much as the said bills of exchange were drawn upon the faith of the state in favour of the holders of the bills of credit mentioned in the law, it is proper that there should be provision made for the payment of them, but as there are others who may be in the same situation with the petitioners, the committee think that a general regulation should take place on the subject, they therefore submit the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That the holders of bills of exchange or certificates drawn or issued by the treasurer of the western shore as commissioner appointed by the act of assembly passed at November session, seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, entitled, An act for calling out of circulation certain bills of credit emitted by act of assembly, are entitled to receive from this state the amount of principal and interest on the said bills of exchange and certificates, with interest thereon from the date of the said bills and certificates respectively, and the costs of protest.

RESOLVED, That so soon as the stock in the British funds belonging to this state, shall have been disposed of and invested in the funds of the United States, the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised to pay out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, to the holders and possessors of the said bills of exchange or certificates issued by the treasurer of the western shore as commissioner by virtue of the aforesaid act of assembly, the amount of the said bills of exchange or certificates by them respectively held and possessed, together with interest thereon from the respective dates of the said bills of exchange and certificates, and the costs of protest, and the said treasurer is hereby directed to pay the said bills of exchange, interest and costs of protest, at the par of exchange.

With respect to that branch of the subject relative to the accounts of Mr. Chase, as agent for the state, the committee pray further time to report thereon.

All which is submitted.

By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk.

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

The bill, entitled, An act to extend the powers of the trustees of the poor of Montgomery county, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The resolution in favour of James Williams, of the city of Annapolis, was read the second time by especial order, and assented to with the proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed. Strike out from the word "decree" in the 14th line of the last page to the word "and" in the following line, and insert "provided that no interest be allowed on such balance as may appear to be due after the application as aforesaid."

The resolution in favour of Thomas Nicholls, of Simon, of Montgomery county, was read the second time by especial order and assented to.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, passed by that house January 19, 1805; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

And also the engrossed bills Nos. 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105 and 106, with the paper bills thereto, severally assented to by that house; which were severally assented to, and returned to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The resolutions respecting the bank stock of this state in the bank of England were read the second time by especial order, the first, second and third resolutions assented to, and the fourth and fifth dissented from.

The following message was read and agreed to.

By THE SENATE, JANUARY 19, 1805.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

THE resolutions respecting the Maryland bank stock in the bank of England are herewith returned. The senate have assented to the first, second and third resolutions, and dissented from the fourth and fifth.

At this late period of the session, it was impossible for the senate to go into an examination of the propriety of the claims on this fund set up by the holders of certain bills of exchange, and it appeared to them that no inconvenience could result to the holders by the delay of a decision until the funds are received in this country. In rejecting the resolutions relative thereto, they mean not, and do not, express an opinion on the subject.

By order,

T. W. HALL, clk.

The engrossed bills Nos. 52, 69, 89, 90, 91 and 107, with the paper bills thereto, were severally assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates returns the above engrossed bills, with the paper bills thereto, read and assented to by that house January 19, 1805.

The senate adjourns until 5 o'clock Post Meridiem.