

Martha Raisin, widow of William B. Raisin, late a lieutenant in the revolutionary war, and Philip Raisin, Cyrus Raisin, Anne Raisin, and Rachel Raisin, infant children of the said William B. Raisin,) for seven years, a sum of money equal to the pay of a lieutenant in the late revolutionary army.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, January 27, 1806.

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 and principal of the said bills of exchange and certificates, with interest thereon from the dates of the said bills and certificates respectively, and the costs of protest.

RESOLVED, That 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 such bills of exchange and certificates, and the costs of protest, and the treasurer is hereby directed to pay the bills, interest and costs, at the par of exchange.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

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

The clerk of the house of delegates returns the bill, entitled, An act appropriating a sum of money for the erection of a penitentiary, and the following messages:

BY THE HOUSE of DELEGATES, January 27, 1806.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have returned you the bill, entitled, An act appropriating a sum of money for the erection of a penitentiary, to which you refused your assent, with a reliance that upon reconsideration it will meet your concurrence. It appears to us, that upon every principle of wholesome policy and public expediency, it is a bill of primary importance, and eminently merits the sanction of the legislature. Impressed with the wisdom of the measure our immediate predecessors, at the last session of the assembly, appropriated the sum of twenty thousand dollars, to be raised by the fines, forfeitures, americiaments and licences, arising within the city and county of Baltimore, to this useful and important object. Upon the faith of this appropriation, the gentlemen who have favoured the state with their services as commissioners, have borrowed a considerable sum of money, as they were authorised to do by the language of the resolution, and applied the money so obtained to the purchase of a site and materials to complete the undertaking. From the defective and inexplicit terms in which the resolution is couched, it appears that even that sum has not, and cannot be, applied to the important object contemplated, without some supplemental or explanatory act to cure the defect. To effect this indispensable purpose is in some degree the object of the bill negatived by you. It moreover directs an additional appropriation of twenty thousand dollars, to be paid out of the treasury of the state, for the purpose of enabling the commissioners to go on with this useful work, and thereby avoid the absolute waste of the money already applied to this purpose. To you, we are well assured, it is unnecessary to enlarge upon the wisdom and humanity of the design, and the happy consequences which will flow from carrying it into effect. Upon this subject our speculative inquiries are aided by the lights of experience, arising from the practical effects of similar establishments in our sister states. In consequence of certain improvements dictated by the spirit of useful enterprize, the three great roads leading from the city of Baltimore will shortly be placed under the exclusive control and management of the companies incorporated for that purpose; hence a considerable derangement will necessarily arise in the present system of penal jurisprudence. To meet this event it appears to us to be the duty of the legislature to make provision at the present period, in order that this institution may be ready for the reception of state offenders, when the legislature shall, as they no doubt will, adopt a reform in the penal code. We would observe, that this is no local establishment, benefitting exclusively a particular section of the state; being general in its operation, its happy consequences cannot fail to be felt by the whole people of Maryland. And then the interest and welfare of the public are to be advanced by the success of the undertaking, it appears to us that some portion of the public funds ought to be appropriated to this useful object.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, January 27, 1806.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have received your message, and expect this evening to close the session. We propose to meet at five o'clock for the purpose of having the laws signed and sealed according to the constitution.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

Which were read.

The senate adjourns until 5 o'clock Post Meridiem.

Five o'clock, POST MERIDIEM.

THE same members appeared as in the morning.

The resolution in favour of Martha Raisin, was read the second time by especial order and dissented from.