

TUESDAY, November 28, 1809.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Glenn appeared in the senate.

A memorial from William I. Steeples, of Anne-Arundel county, counter to the petition of Maximilian Heuissler, was preferred, read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A memorial from David Stewart and David C. Stewart, of the city of Baltimore, agents of the London Phoenix Fire Insurance Company, praying to be heard by counsel on the subject of the bill, entitled, An act to prevent insurance by foreigners, was preferred, read, and the prayer thereof granted.

On motion, ORDERED, That the said bill have a second reading on Tuesday the fifth day of December next.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and make public a road in Baltimore county therein mentioned, passed by that house November 28, 1809; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Partridge, from the committee, delivers a bill, entitled, An act more effectually to secure the collection of the public revenues; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The following resolutions were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By the SENATE, November 28, 1809.

Whereas it appears from the statements of the treasurer of the western and eastern shore, as laid before this legislature, that very considerable sums of money are due to this state under the several denominations of debts therein specified, and some of said debts appear to be long since due, and in a very hazardous situation, and it being at all times important that the real, true and actual state of the public funds should be known and ascertained; therefore,

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this legislature, that the most speedy and effectual measures should be immediately adopted to ascertain the actual situation of all debts due and owing to this state, and to secure, collect and bring the same into the treasury, as far as possible.

RESOLVED, That the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the council, be and is hereby authorised to direct suits to be commenced against such of the debtors to this state as he may think proper, and appoint an attorney or attorneys to any particular suit or suits; provided, that all debts due the state shall be paid to the treasurer of the western or eastern shore, and to no other person or persons, and that the governor, annually, lay before the legislature an account and statement of all such proceedings as shall be ordered and adopted in virtue hereof.

RESOLVED, That on the application of the governor to the treasurer of the western shore, it shall be the duty of the said treasurer to furnish the governor with a correct statement of all debts due the state, with an account of the actual situation thereof, as far as he can ascertain the same.

By order,

T. ROGERS, clk.

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, November 29, 1809.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Lloyd Dorsey. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. William Thomas appeared in the senate, and after taking the oaths required by the constitution and form of government, and subscribing a declaration of his belief in the Christian religion, and taking the oath for the support of the government of the United States, took his seat.

The following communication from the chair was read.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

OUR honourable friend, William Thomas, Esquire, having arrived, and being able, I hope, to resume his seat in your presidential chair, permit me now to resign mine. Allow me at the same time to inform you, that the honour you have been pleased to confer in placing me there is highly gratifying; and for your friendly indulgence of those errors which my want of experience in the duties of the chair sometimes produced, be pleased to accept the assurance of my sincere thanks and grateful acknowledgments.

STEPHEN LOWREY.

Annapolis, 29 Nov. 1809.

Whereupon the senate proceeded to the election of a president, and the honourable William Thomas, Esquire, was unanimously elected.

A petition from Aquila Hall, praying to be heard on the subject of the bill, entitled, An act to lay out and make public a road in Baltimore county therein mentioned, was preferred, read, and the prayer thereof granted.

On motion, ORDERED, That the said bill have a second reading on Monday, the eleventh day of December next.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act to appoint commissioners to review the road therein mentioned in Harford county, passed by that house November 28, 1809; and a bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower the levy court of Anne-Arundel county to assess and levy a sum of money for the