

sylvania, in amount more than would be equal to the payment of all the sums for which he is now in confinement, and that the said petitioner has, in the hearing of two of the committee declared he would remain in prison while he lived, rather than pay the fine imposed by the judges of Cecil county court.

They therefore beg leave to report, that the prayer of the petitioner is unreasonable, and ought not to be granted, and that he have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order,

WM. K. LAMB DIN, Clk.

Mr. Stonestreet from the committee delivers the following report :

The committee to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of General John Hoskins Stone, deceased, have taken the same into their most serious consideration, and beg leave to report, that the father of the petitioners General John Hoskins Stone, deceased, had paid during his life in the treasury of the western shore, at several periods of time, a sum of money amounting to thirteen hundred and sixty pounds and two pence half penny, for proclamation land warrants obtained under an act of assembly passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-five, chapter 88, as appears by a statement, signed by the treasurer of the western shore in the possession of the committee.

In consequence of the subsequent failure of the father of the petitioners to complete the payment of the composition money necessary to secure his title to the said lands, by the provisions of an act of assembly, passed at November session 1804, they reverted to the state. It appears to the committee that the father of the petitioners, for many years before his death, was rendered incapable of any attention to business by his infirmities, which were properly ascribed to a wound he received during the revolutionary war, in defence of the liberties of his country, and which undoubtedly prevented his securing to his children the lands in question. Taking into consideration the distinguished services of this most esteemed and valuable officer, both in a military and civil capacity. Your committee feel themselves justified in submitting to the consideration of the house, the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby authorised and directed to pay to Nathaniel P. Causin, in right of his wife Eliza Causin, the sum of six hundred and eighty pounds current money and to John B. Turner, in right of his wife Anne Turner, the sum of six hundred and eighty pounds current money.

By order,

WM. K. LAMB DIN, Clk.

Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Duvall, *Ordered*, That every member of this house be, and is hereby at liberty, and authorised to call for any person, persons and papers, that in his judgment have relation to, or that will throw additional light on the subject of the contested election of the city of Annapolis, now pending, and that the speaker cause the attendance of such person or papers by issuing a summons in the usual manner.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning, nine o'clock.

SATURDAY, January 15, 1814.

THE House met.—The speaker being absent, the house proceeded to ballot for a speaker, pro tempore: the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, on examination thereof it appeared that Mr. Plater was elected; who took the chair accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act to defray the expenses incurred in the trial of criminal prosecutions removed from one county of this state to another. *Ordered*, that Messrs Dorsey, Belt and Mason, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The report on the petition of the trustees of Saint Peters' School, in the city of Baltimore, was read the second time, and on motion by Mr. Dorsey, the question was put, that the further consideration thereof be postponed until the first day of June next?

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs Causin, Blackiston, Boyer, J. Spencer, Hands, Brown, Dorsey, Belt, W. Hall, Blake, Taney, Turner, Stonestreet, Ford, Parnham, Rogerson, Bennett, Martin, S. Stevens, Bavly, Waller, Stewart, Griffith, Tootel, J. R. Evans, Lusby, Hogg, R. Evans, Somervell, Callis, Duvall, Handy, J. Thomas, Delaplane, J. H. Thomas, Forwood, of Wm. Saulsbury, Jones, Kilgour, Crabb, Hilleary, Robinett, M'Culloh.—44.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs Sellman, Randall, Warner, Stansbury, Jona. Spencer, Long, Lecompte, Claude, Wilson, Forwood, of J'b. Potter, Culbreth, Donaldson, Kershner, Gabby.—15.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Howard, *Ordered*, that the report on the petition of Gerard Snowden and others, be made the order of the day for Friday next.

Mr. Callis delivers a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Ann Matilda Hebb, an infant child of Wm Hebb, of Prince George's county; which was read.

The bill from the senate entitled, an act to lay out and open two roads in Queen Ann's county, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

The bill entitled, an act to establish a bank and incorporate a company under the name of the Farmers' and Merchants Bank of Caroline; the bill entitled, an act authorising the sale of the real estate of Ruth Howard, deceased, wife of Thomas W. Howard, and for other purposes; the bill supplementary to the act entitled, an act to incorporate the Washington Cotton Manufacturing Company, of the city of Baltimore; the bill entitled, an act to open and make