

would cheerfully pay a small additional tax for the purpose of placing the state in a safe situation, and relieving themselves from harassing and ruinous calls for militia service, which, though, extremely burdensome to individuals, injurious to the public, and attended with very great expense, and found to afford no sufficient defence; therefore,

*Resolved*, That an addition of fifty cents on the hundred dollars, be made annually to the county levies, on all taxable property in each county and the city of Baltimore, to be collected in the same manner as other levies, and paid over annually, into the treasury of the Shore on which it may be collected, and all sums received by the treasurer of the Eastern Shore, to be paid over to the treasurer of the Western Shore.

3. And as the terms on which loans can be obtained must be materially and favorably affected, and consequently the public interest much promoted, not only by the adequacy, permanency and solidity of the fund for the payment of the interest, but also by a perfect security for its application to that object, and by an adequate provision in the nature of a sinking fund for the extinguishment of the principal, by purchase in the market whenever it can be obtained at or under par; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the whole sum of money to be arising from the said addition, and to be paid as aforesaid, into the treasury of the Western Shore, be annually granted to, and vested in the chief judge of the court of Appeals, the chancellor and the treasurer of the Western Shore, all for the time being, who shall be constituted, trustees & commissioners of the sinking fund; & that it shall be their duty out of the said fund to pay quarterly, at the treasury of the Western Shore, the interest of the sum to be borrowed, as aforesaid, and on all the other public debt of this state, and to apply the surplus of the said fund quarter yearly to the purchase in open market, of any part of the public debt of this state, which can be purchased at or under par; the stock so purchased to be transferred to and vested in them, and the interest thereon to be paid to them and applied as part of the said fund to the purchase of public debt, as aforesaid, till the whole shall be extinguished, or otherwise paid off; and that they shall lay before the Legislature annually, an account of their proceedings in the said trust.

4. And as the state ought to have the power of discharging the said debt, whenever it may find that measure convenient and the interest of the stockholders, and consequently the value of the stock, and the facility of obtaining the loan, as well as the terms of it, would all be disadvantageously affected by the payment in small progressive instalments; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the stock to be created by the said loan shall be redeemable at the pleasure of the state, by paying off the whole at one or two payments, but not otherwise.

5. And as it is probable that the government of the United States will take the said troops into its service for the purposes of local defence, for which they are to be raised, and will in that case refund the expense to be incurred in raising and supporting them, as well as take on itself their future support; therefore,

*Resolved*, That in case the United States shall take said troops into their service, as aforesaid, the sums to be refunded by the United States, as aforesaid, shall be paid into the hands of the said commissioners, and shall by them be applied to the payment of the aforesaid loan; or if the said expense shall be refunded by means of stock of the United States, then such stock shall be vested in the said commissioners, who shall be authorised to sell it at par, and apply the proceeds in the payment of the said loan; and that when the said loan shall have been in any manner paid off, the said additional levy of fifty cents shall cease.

The bill entitled, an act authorising Robert Welch, of Ben. collector of Anne Arundel county, to complete his collection, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. J. H. Thomas, Ordered that the report of the committee of finance, together with the resolutions proposing taxation, be the order of the day for to-morrow.

The report on the petition of Charles Garner, of Charles county, was read the second time, concurred in, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

Mr. Stevens delivers a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of James Hopkins, of Queen Ann's county. Which was read the first and second time by special order and passed.

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

## TUESDAY, January 10.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill entitled, an act for the benefit of James Hopkins, of Queen Ann's county, and the resolution in favor of Charles Garner, were sent to the senate.

Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Mahon delivers a petition from Sarah Payne, of Alleghany county, praying that a law may pass authorising the sale of certain land belonging to her infant children. Which was read and referred to Messrs. M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, Lantz and Hilleary.

Also a petition from Peter Gebhart, an officer in the revolutionary war. Which was read and referred to Messrs. M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, Tomlinson and Hilleary.

Mr. Hambleton delivers a petition from John Bennett, late sheriff of Talbot county, praying that certain monies paid into the Eastern Shore treasury, for fines which were afterwards remitted by the governor, may be refunded. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Hambleton, Caldwell and Stevens.

Mr. Randall delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying that a road therein mentioned may be made public. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Randall, Kell and Dorsey.

The bill entitled, an act to make valid a deed therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act to incorporate a company for the pur-