

six per cent. interest and all costs due thereon to stay any further proceedings against such debtors, until the first of January, 1816: *Provided*, That any judgment upon which proceedings may be stayed as aforesaid, shall continue and remain in full force, and executions may be issued thereon at any time after the expiration of such stay.

Mr. Stonestreet from the committee, delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of John T. Stoddert, of Charles county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true; they therefore recommend the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby authorised and required to pay to John T. Stoddert, aid de camp to brigadier-general Stuart, a sum of money equal to the pay of an aid-de-camp to a brigadier-general, for his services in that station, from the 16th day of June to the first day of August following, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

By order,

LOUIS GASSAWAY, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Kell delivers a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of the several free schools in the city of Baltimore; and a bill entitled, an act to increase the compensation of the justices of the orphans court of Baltimore county. Which were severally read.

Mr. Neale from the committee, delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of William C. Somerville, of Saint Mary's county, beg leave to report the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the treasurer of the Western Shore, of the state of Maryland, pay to William C. Somerville or order, the sum of four hundred dollars, the amount of valuation of his negro slave, slain for refusing to surrender himself to an officer, who was endeavouring to apprehend said slave, white running off to the enemy. By order,

LOUIS GASSAWAY, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Stonestreet delivers a bill entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, an act to incorporate a company to open the navigation of Zachia run. Mr. Claude delivers a bill entitled, an act for the relief Sarah Carman, of Anne Arundel county. Mr. Wilson a bill entitled, an act to open a road in Worcester county; and Mr. Barney a bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act to fix and regulate the quality of silver plate, manufactured and sold or offered for sale in the city of Baltimore, and for other purposes. Which were severally read.

On motion by Mr. Hambleton, the following preamble and resolution were read.

Whereas, it appears from the certificate of Thomas J. Bullet and John L. Kerr, Esquires, that a number of the papers of the late general court, for the Eastern Shore, and the present court of appeals, for the said shore, are left unrecorded for a considerable time preceding the death of James Earle, Esquire, late clerk of said courts, and it also appears from a letter from James Parrott, Esquire, the present clerk of the court of appeals, for the said shore, addressed to the honorable judges of the court of appeals, that there is considerable difficulty in conducting the business of the office, in consequence of the papers being unrecorded, and it is further represented that Mr. Earle, the late clerk, actually charged and probably received payment for completing the whole of these records; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the judges of the court of appeals be, and they are hereby authorised and required, if it shall appear to them that the records of the late general court, for the Eastern Shore, and court of appeals for the said shore, or any part thereof, remain unrecorded by James Earle, late clerk of said courts, to order and direct that the executors of the said James Earle, proceed by a certain specified time to complete the said records, by recording all papers and proceedings, which by law the said Earle was bound and obliged to do: And should the executors of the said James Earle, neglect or refuse to commence the recording the said papers and proceedings by the time directed by the judges of the court of appeals as aforesaid, or not complete the recording the said papers and proceedings by the time to be ascertained and fixed by the judges, then the said judges shall contract with the present clerk of the court of appeals, for the said shore, for completing the said records, by recording all papers and proceedings required by law to be recorded, and to allow such clerk such reasonable compensation therefor as they may deem adequate, and the said judges shall specify separately, the allowance to be made for finishing and completing the records of the late general court, from the allowance to be made for finishing and completing the records of the court of appeals, which said allowances, on the certificate of the said judges, shall be paid to the said clerk by the treasurer of the Western Shore, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury; and the said judges shall notify the neglect and refusal of the said executors as aforesaid, to the attorney general, who shall thereupon immediately institute suits upon the bond executed by the said James Earle, as clerk of the said general court, and against the executors of the said James Earle, to compel the payment of the sums so to be allowed by the said judges, to the clerk of the court of appeals, which said sums, when recovered, shall be respectively paid to the treasurer of the Western Shore, and shall be taken and deemed as part of the funds of the state.

The clerk of the council delivers a communication from the executive, accompanied by an account of the number of arms, ordnance, &c. Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill entitled, an act to incorporate the Union Company of Snow Hill. The bill entitled, an act for the relief of Thomas Coursey, of Kent county, in the state of Delaware; and the bill entitled, an act for the relief of Charles Rice, of Washington county, were severally read the second time, and passed.

The bill from the senate entitled, an act relative to justices of the peace, and for other purposes, was read the second time, the amendments proposed by the committee of this house assented to, and the bill passed.