

*Resolved,* That unless the said claim of the state on the aforesaid judgments, with the six per cent. interest thereon, be paid on or before the said first day of January, eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, it shall and may be lawful for the said state to proceed upon said judgments in the same manner as she might have done at the periods at which they were severally rendered.

*Resolved,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the state from proceeding on any judgment or judgments she may have obtained in said court, against the securities of the said George Dashiell, as said former sheriff." Determined in the affirmative. The resolution was then assented to as amended and returned to the house of delegates.

The bill to authorize the use of the testimony of the parties as witnesses in suits at law, was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill relating to rights of Dower, was read a second time and laid on the table.

Mr. Johnson from the committee reported a bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act for the improvement of M'Clures dock, in the city of Baltimore; which was read the first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Johnson asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to be entitled, "an act relating to evidence in civil cases;" ordered that Messrs. Johnson, Brownley and Miller, be a committee to prepare and report the same.

The president laid before the senate the following letter, which was read and referred to the house of delegates.

To the Senate and

House of Representatives of the State of Maryland.

The undersigned, one of the last surviving artists who enjoyed the privilege of painting the portrait of Washington from the life, having succeeded in producing a likeness of that illustrious man, which has united in one expression of distinguished preference the voices of his most intimate friends and co-temporaries, feels it his duty to offer his services to the state.

If it be true that this portrait is justly distinguished for its fidelity and expression of character, it must be ascribed to the personal knowledge which the artist had of the living model.— Copies of this picture, made by the artist himself, will be entitled to greater confidence, and will be of greater value than any which may be executed after his death, or by other hands. He therefore offers to the state of Maryland an opportunity of possessing, for a moderate compensation, as indicated in a letter to the governor, an accurate copy of this work.

Rembrandt Peale.

New York, Jan. 24th, 1826.