

POST MERIDIE M.

The house met.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to encourage the destroying of wolves. ORDERED, That Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Norris and Mr. M'Mechen, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Adams and Mr. Taney have leave of absence.

Mr. Gough, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act granting Adam Fonerden the exclusive right of making and vending a machine called A card-teeth cutter, that feeds itself; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Edward Watts, of Baltimore county, setting forth, that he is indebted to the state for confiscated property, and praying final settlement certificates may be received in payment thereof; was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Thomas Russell and others.

A petition from Jacob Strap, late a soldier in the Maryland line, praying the depreciation of his pay, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Duvall, Mr. Read and Mr. Polk, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to authorise special bail to surrender the principal out of court, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Taney.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the more effectual punishment of criminals in Baltimore county. ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. Forrest, Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Potts and Mr. Duvall, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Duvall, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of the securities of Thomas Williams, beg leave to report, that they believe the facts to be truly stated by the memorialists; but your committee cannot undertake to say what was the intention of the legislature when the several acts which relate to this subject were passed. They have reason to believe that the securities will be great sufferers on account of the said Thomas Williams, and are therefore of opinion, that an act should pass directing the treasurer to receive certificates from the said securities for interest as well as principal of the balance due. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. N. Worthington, from the committee appointed to inquire what laws have or will expire this session, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report; which was read.

The bill for the benefit of John Frederick Amelung, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Shaw, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.				
Messieurs	Abell,	Carroll,	Stewart,	Craufurd,	Henry,	Walker,
	Forrest,	Taney,	Polk,	F. Bowie,	Faw,	Hughiett,
	R. Miller,	Parnham,	Adams,	Digges,	Potts,	Chafe,
	Nicholls,	M'Pherion,	Lecompte,	Quynn,	Scott,	Cellars,
	Harwood,	Chapman,	Bravard,	Duvall,	Norris,	Taylor,
	N. Worthington,	Gough,	Bond,	Brown,	Wheeler,	Holmes.
	B. Worthington,	Cockey,	Matthews,	J. S. Purnell,	Loockerman,	41.
			N E A T I V E.			
		Tilghman,	Shaw,	S. Miller,	Sency,	Burgess.
	McL. Roberts,					7.
Sherwood,						

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Faw.

The report on the petition of George Bird, was read the second time and concurred with.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the eastern shore be and he is hereby directed to receive from George Bird, collector and deputy-sheriff for Cæcil county in the year 1785, the sum of seventeen pounds sixteen shillings and six-pence paper money of this state, emitted in May 1781, commonly called red money, and place the same to the credit of the said George Bird in his public account.

Sent to the senate by Mr. S. Miller.

Mr. Matthews, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Patrick Edwards, late of Killala, in the kingdom of Ireland, and now of Kent county, in this state, beg leave to report, that they have considered the subject of said petition, and find, from the vouchers to them exhibited, that the said Edwards is the legitimate heir of Bridget Edwards, as set forth in said petition, and that he is the person to whom Edward Bourke, late of Kent county, deceased, devised the property as set forth; and that the said Edwards did, shortly after his arrival, take the oath of fidelity to this state in open court, in Kent county, as is directed by law, to entitle him to the rights and privileges of a citizen. They also find, that the property in question does not exceed the value of three hundred pounds, of which that part the petitioner claims under the will of Edward Bourke, bears the greatest proportion, and to which his title is the least exceptionable; and that the facts in general, as set forth, are true. On the whole, your committee are of opinion, that a law, agreeably to the prayer of said petition, securing to the said Patrick Edwards all the right he might claim under the wills of Anne Bourke and Edward Bourke, any interest in this state in the property aforesaid to the contrary notwithstanding, will be an act of clemency worthy the dignity of this state, provided nothing in said