

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, May, 1788.

Mr. M^cMechen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Nicholson, beg leave to report, that the facts stated in said petition are true, and your committee are of opinion that it was the intention of the legislature, by the resolve of the 18th day of May, 1787, to secure to the state, on final settlements paid into the treasury, all the interest that was due since the 1st day of January, 1785, and that such interest was to be considered as part of the payment by the purchasers; and your committee are of opinion, that it was not the intention of the general assembly to compel purchasers to pay only in final settlements on which interest was due from the said first of January, 1785, but that any other final settlements might be received, if interest was paid from that day; and that any interest due before that day on final settlements paid into the treasury agreeably to the said resolution, ought to be received as principal, and so allowed to the purchasers. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. QUYNN, jun. clk.

Which was read.

A petition from the German reformed church, praying an act may pass similar to the law for incorporating the German reformed congregation in Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, was preferred and read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying an act may pass for the division of said county, was preferred, read, and referred to the next session.

The report on the petition of the securities of Thomas Williams, was read the first and second time; and thereupon the question was put, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to receive from the securities of the aforesaid Thomas Williams (in discharge of the interest now due, or that may hereafter become due, on the debt aforesaid) any certificate that has been or may be received from the debtors by the said securities, in discharge of the principal and interest due from the said securities? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Holmes, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Messrs	Abell,	M ^c Pherfon,	Bravard,	Digges,	W. Purnell,	Wheeler,	
	Forrest,	Chapman,	Bond,	Quynn,	Henry,	Loockerman,	
	Nicholls,	Gough,	Matthews,	Duvall,	Faw,	Bruce,	
	Carroll,	Roberts,	S. Miller,	Seney,	Scott,	Cellars,	
	Fitzhugh,	Tilghman,	Craufurd,	J. S. Purnell,	Norris,	Taylor.	13.
	Parnham,	Polk,	F. Bowie,				
		N E G A T I V E.					
Mc.	R. Miller,	Stewart,	Lecompte,	Brown,	Burgefs,	Holmes.	7.
	Taney,						

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, May 26, 1788.

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

The report on the petition of Francis Clements (referred from the last to the present session) was read the first and second time; and thereupon RESOLVED, That the treasurer issue to Francis Clements a certificate for the sum of sixty-nine pounds ten shillings and six-pence, to bear legal interest thereon from the second day of September, 1784, in lieu of one for the same sum passed to him by the state, and alleged to have been lost, upon his, the said Clements, giving bond, with sufficient security approved of by the said treasurer, to indemnify this state, in case the certificate alleged to have been lost, should, at any time hereafter, appear to be paid by the said state.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to the act, entitled, An act to alter the time of holding Baltimore county court for civil causes. ORDERED, That Mr. Chafe, Mr. Forrest and Mr. M^cMechen, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. M^cMechen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to alter the time of holding Baltimore county court for civil causes; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Polk.

Whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that several of the collectors of the taxes have paid into the treasuries of the eastern and western shores, one third part of the balances due from the said collectors, agreeably to the time limited in an act passed at November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, entitled, An act for the relief of the collectors of the taxes for the years seventeen hundred and eighty-three, seventeen hundred and eighty-four, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, and seventeen hundred and eighty-six, and others who have not made their first payment are now ready to pay the same, if the treasurers were authorized to receive it, and are apprehensive that they will not be able to make the second payment agreeably to the time limited in the said act, have prayed a further indulgence; and this general assembly thinking it reasonable to afford some further relief, RESOLVED, That the governor and council be authorized, in their discretion, to extend the time for the said collectors to make their second payment (who have made or may make the first payment by the thirtieth day of June) to a day not beyond the twentieth day of August next, and the third payment to a day not beyond the first day of January next; and all proceedings shall be