

first certificate, so as aforesaid issued, should appear to have been paid. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Shryock, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petitions of Thomas Bond (son of John) and Adam Bontz, beg leave to report, that they have examined the same, and are of opinion a law ought to pass discharging them from confinement, upon their surrendering up all their property for the benefit of their creditors, agreeably to the terms of the insolvent law now in force. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of Henry Shryock, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a resolution pursuant thereto.

The house proceeded to elect, by ballot, a committee, agreeably to an act passed November session, 1787, to compel the attendance of members of the general assembly, and Mr. Seney, Mr. Faw and Mr. Stewart, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. J. Worthington.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, November 18, 1789.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house have appointed Mr. Seney, Mr. Faw and Mr. Stewart, to be of the committee, with three members to be named by your honours, to hear and determine on such excuses as may be offered to them by those members of the last general assembly who have not been excused for absenting themselves during the last session of assembly, and of those members of this general assembly who have absented themselves, or who may hereafter absent themselves, without leave, during this session, according to an act, entitled, An act to compel the attendance of the members of the general assembly.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

A memorial from William West, Daniel Bowley and Richard Ridgely, praying that the state would withdraw all further proceedings against them, on account of the estate devised to them under the last will and testament of Thomas Harrison, deceased, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Sterett, Mr. J. Tilghman, Mr. M^cHenry, Mr. U. Forrest, Mr. Pinkney, Mr. W. Tilghman and Mr. Craik, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of Richard Harrison, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a resolution pursuant thereto.

John Smith, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to empower the administrator de bonis non of Richard Lee, late of Charles county, deceased, and the administrator de bonis non of Philip Thomas Lee, deceased, to sell such part of the said estates on credit as may be necessary for the payment of the debts due from the said respective intestates, and to enable the said administrator to make a distribution of the estate of the said Philip Thomas Lee among his representatives, endorsed; "By the senate, November 16, 1789: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, November 18, 1789: Read the second time and will not pass."

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

And the bill to confirm an act, entitled, An act to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government as prevent a citizen from taking a seat in the legislature, or being an elector of the senate, without taking an oath to the support of this government, passed at November session, 1788, endorsed; "By the senate, November 16, 1789: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, November 18, 1789: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments."

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

Amendments proposed. Strike out from the end of the title of the act, in page 1, to the words "be it enacted," in page 3, and insert "whereas, at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis on Monday the third of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, an act of assembly, entitled, An act to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government as prevent a citizen from taking a seat in the legislature, or being an elector of the senate, without taking an oath to the support of this government, was passed, to alter, change and abolish, such parts of the constitution and form of government as are therein mentioned: And whereas the said act of assembly hath been published in due form for the space of three months next before the late general election of delegates to the house of delegates, according to the provisions of the said form of government, and this general assembly hereby intend to confirm the said act." Strike out from the words "therein mentioned," in the 12th line of the 3d page, to the end of the bill.

Which were read.

The report on the petition of William Philips, was read the second time, concurred with, and thereupon, RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to William Philips, or order, the sum of eighty-four pounds sixteen shillings and three-pence current money, it being the sum paid