

the state of Pennsylvania have shewn a disposition to give every encouragement to the opening the upper part of the river Susquehanna, beyond the line of this state, and have actually passed a law for that purpose; but there is little probability this favourable temper in that state will continue, unless speedy and effectual steps are taken, on the part of Maryland, to render the lower part of the river also navigable.

The committee are further of opinion, that the work having already been commenced, and considerable progress having been made therein, by the present proprietors of the said canal, which will, in all likelihood, go to ruin, without public aid, every delay in furnishing that aid, will hereafter occasion additional expence, which might otherwise be saved by timely and moderate contributions.

The committee therefore recommend it to the house that there should be an addition of ten shares to those already created by the act formerly passed on the subject of opening the said river, and that the treasurer of the western shore be authorized and directed to subscribe for eight of the said shares for and in behalf of the state of Maryland.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Patrick Hamilton, of Cæcil county, stating that a number of charges which he could have made against the state, did not come to his knowledge till after he passed his bond to the late intendant of the revenue for the balance he owed as collector of taxes, and praying the auditor may be empowered to examine the said charges, and if any part of them appear to be just, the treasurer of the western shore may be directed to credit his bond with the same, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Oneale, Mr. Oldham and Mr. Matthews, to consider and report thereon.

The resolution respecting Richard Harrison, was read the second time and assented to.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petitions of Bushrod and Corbin Washington, beg leave to report, that they have examined the facts therein stated, and believe them true. Your committee are of opinion, that as the settlement of the accounts of the said petitioners with the state would require much time and attention, there should be a power vested in some persons during the recess of the assembly, to settle and adjust the same, and recommend, agreeably to the prayer of the petitioners, that a resolve should pass vesting the said power in the governor and council, who shall report to the next general assembly the sum due to the said petitioners for their claims upon the property of the late Principio company. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDRER, clk.

Which was read.

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

S A T U R D A Y, November 21, 1789.

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

Mr. U. Forrest, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate George-town, in Montgomery county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. William Vans Murray, a delegate returned for Dorchester county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the report on the petition of Francis Deakins, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Seney, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	Z. Forrest,	Harwood,	Gale,	Digges,	Sterett,	Lynn,
	Barnes,	B. Worthington,	Shaw,	Quynn,	M ^r . Henry,	Burgeis,
	M. Tilghman,	Craig,	Bond,	Dayly,	Shryock,	Oneale,
	Moore,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Matthews,	Love,	Stull,	U. Forrest.
	J. Worthington,	Owings,	Oldham,			27.

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Hopewell,	Somervell,	Winder,	Clark,	Dennis,	Banckes,
	W. Tilghman,	Parnham,	Lecompte,	Seney,	Houfton,	Whitely,
	Fraizer,	Sherwood,	Steele,	O'Brion,	Faw,	Emory,
	Gantt,	Lowes,	R. Bowie,	J. Tilghman,	Shriver,	Mason,
	Freeland,	Stewart,	W. Bowie,	Purnell,	Norris,	Ott.

So it was determined in the negative.

The following resolution being propounded to the house, to wit:

RESOLVED, That the memorial of Francis Deakins, for a compensation for his services as a surveyor employed by the state, be referred to the governor and council, and that they be authorized to settle and adjust the accounts of the said Francis Deakins, and make him such allowance as shall to them appear just; and in case of disagreement respecting the said accounts, the governor and council are hereby authorized to have the same settled by referees, the one to be appointed by them, the other by the said Francis Deakins; and in case the two disagree, that they have power to choose a third person, whose decision shall be final.