

“By the senate, November 25, 1790: Read the second time and assented to.

“By order, H. RIDGELY, jun. clk.”

Mr. Tilghman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the memorial and petition of the visitors and governors of Saint John's college, report, that they have considered the subject of the petition, and find, that at November session, 1788, a resolution was passed, that the funds appropriated to Saint John's college for the purposes of paying professors and other officers, should be suspended until the college should be finished and the professors and officers appointed and actually engaged in the exercise of their several duties, and that the same should be applied to the payment of the interest of the debt due to Messieurs Vanstaphorst. It appears to your committee that the visitors of the college have made considerable progress in bringing the institution to perfection; the building is so far finished as to afford accommodation for the several schools; a principal and several inferior masters have been appointed, who have already evinced their diligence and capacity to the satisfaction of the public; and other professors and masters will shortly be employed, in order to complete that liberal system of education which may deserve the patronage of the legislature.

Your committee are of opinion that the institution will be very much injured by the continuance of the resolution, and that the spirit of it being almost completely complied with, it should now be repealed.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry merchants and traders of Baltimore-town, report, that they have taken the subject of the petition into consideration, and are of opinion that the inhabitants of Baltimore are subject to considerable inconvenience from the unrestrained practice of selling goods at public auction. Your committee therefore recommend a law confining the sale of goods, wares and merchandise, by public auction, in the town of Baltimore, to two offices, to be established under proper regulations. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. WINCHESTER, jun. clk.

Which was read.

On motion the question was put on the following, viz.

Whereas it appears to this general assembly, that the house of Thomas Eden, and company, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-five were indebted unto James Hutchings, of Queen-Anne's county, in a considerable sum of money, which, during the war, he had no opportunity of drawing out of their hands, so as to obtain possession of it himself, or place it in the hands of any friend in America, until in April, seventeen hundred and eighty, when he drew bills on them in favour of Sir Robert Eden, of London, or Mr. Edwards, or any other person of character and fortune, for fifteen hundred pounds sterling, on which bills Sir Robert Eden received from the company seven hundred and fifty pounds sterling: And whereas it appears just and right that this claim should be paid by the state, in case the property is sufficient, RESOLVED, That the treasurer issue a certificate to the said James Hutchings for the balance due to him from the said Sir Robert Eden, to be ascertained by the auditor-general, in case the property of Sir Robert Eden is sufficient.

The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. J. Worthington, appeared as follow:

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

Messieurs	Carroll,	Gough,	Steele,	Duvall,	M ^r Pherson,	Cellar,
	Plater,	Sherwood,	Lecompte,	Seney,	M ^r Comas,	Jacques,
	Moore,	Kerr,	Goldsbrough,	Harris,	Downes,	Forrest,
	Tilghman,	Hughes,	R. Bond,	Dennis,	Douglafs,	Beall,
	Freeland,	Denwood,	Oldham,	Martin,	Walker,	Tomlinson,
	Stone,	King,	Hollingsworth,	Holland,	Smith,	Cresap. 40.
	Parnham,	Winder,	Quynn,	Bayly,		
			N E G A T I V E.			

Messieurs	J. Worthington,	Mackall,	Beatty,	Oneale. 4.
	So it was resolved in the affirmative.			

Sent to the senate by Mr. Kerr.

Daniel Bowley, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 25, 1790.

GENTLEMEN,

THE case of the late house of John M^rHenry, and company, and a great variety of other accounts, which remain unsettled, and which will probably be brought before the legislature for their final adjustment, forcibly suggests the propriety of some general regulation upon the subject. The length of time that has elapsed, the irregularity in which the public books have been heretofore kept, the loss of vouchers from accidents, the death of parties, the difficulty attending the examination, and the time that must be necessarily consumed in each particular case, render it improper and impossible for the legislature to make the investigation. We therefore suggest the propriety and expediency of appointing a proper person or persons, with powers competent to the final adjustment of all unsettled accounts now open upon the auditor's books, and other unliquidated claims, either in favour of or against the state, under such limitations, and according to such rules, as may be prescribed by the legislature.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.