

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to condemn land, if necessary, for the public buildings of the United States. ORDERED, That Mr. Forrest, Mr. Duvall, Mr. Pinkney, and Mr. Craik, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 15, 1790.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE return you the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Mark Pringle, and hope you will be induced to reconsider it, and grant the relief proposed to be afforded by it. We doubt not you retain the humane principles on which the late law for the relief of insolvent debtors originated; that the confinement of the person of the unfortunate insolvent debtor, who is willing to surrender his whole property for the use of his creditors, is cruel and impolitic. The abuses committed under that law, as far as we have been informed, alone procured a repeal of it.

We have heard of no suggestion of any improper conduct in the person who makes the present application, and are unwilling to increase his misfortunes by such a refusal as will create a suspicion more wounding to his feelings than all his distresses.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Mr. Bayly, Mr. Wilkinson, and Mr. Forrest, have leave of absence.

The house adjourns till 4 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met according to adjournment.

Mr. Craik, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An additional supplementary act to an act, entitled, An act for enlarging the powers of the high court of chancery; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. F. Bowie appeared in the house.

The bill, entitled, An act for appointing commissioners to contract for and purchase the Indian Lands in Dorchester county, and for appropriating the same to the use of this state, was read the second time by especial order, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Ringgold, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Messrs.	Freeland,	Jones,	W. Bowie,	Gomber,	Walker,	Crabb;	
	Parnham,	Lecompte,	Quynn, *	Beatty,	Ott,	Forrest,	
	Sherwood,	Goldsbrough,	Seney,	M'Pherson,	Rochester,	Beall,	
	Kerr,	Hollingworth,	Chaille,	Downes,	Ceilar,	Tomlinson,	
	Denwood,	Clark,	Dennis,	Douglafs,	Burgefs,	Simkins.	30.
		N E G A T I V E.					
Messrs.	Ringgold,	Ridgely, of Wm.	King,	R. Bowie,	M'Comas,	Oneale,	
	Moore,	Gough,	R. Bond,	Martin,	Amos,	Cresap.	17.
	Lethbrury,	Owings,	Forman,	Holland,	Pinkney,		

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Walker has leave of absence.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to receive and take in the orders heretofore drawn on the treasurer of the eastern shore by the orphan's court of Caroline county in favour of Philip Casson, of the said county, for half pay due to him as a disabled officer in the late service of the United States, and that the said treasurer of the western shore do pay unto the said Philip Casson the amount or balance due on the said orders in specie, provided that proof be first made to the said treasurer of the authenticity of the said orders, and that a certificate, under the hand of the treasurer of the eastern shore, be produced to ascertain what part, if any, of the said orders hath heretofore been paid.

Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to continue and amend an act, entitled, An act for the more effectual punishment of criminals; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Gomber and Mr. M'Pherson have leave of absence.

Mr. Quynn, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower the corporation of the city of Annapolis to suppress public and excessive gaming; which was read the first and second time by especial order, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill, entitled, An additional supplementary act to an act, entitled, An act for enlarging the powers of the high court of chancery, was read the second time by especial order, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the securities of John Beall, former collector of the taxes for Prince-George's county, report, that they have considered the same, and are of opinion that a law ought to pass directing said Beall to deliver up, on oath, all the books, papers and accounts, relative to the collection of the taxes in Prince-George's county for the years seventeen hundred and eighty-four and seventeen hundred and eighty-five, into the hands of the commissioners of the tax of said county, to be by them kept, subject to the inspection of all persons who may be concerned; and also empowering the securities of said Beall to take transcripts from said books, papers and accounts, and to make collection of all arrears of taxes that may be