

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1792.

FRIDAY, December 7, 1792.

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

Mr. Chapman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Robertson, of Charles county, having considered the same, beg leave to report the following facts: That James Jamison, of Scotland, merchant, was indebted to John Robertson, of Glasgow, in sundry large sums of money, on bond, and for notes paid; and they further report, that the said John Robertson, on the 19th day of April, 1780, assigned all his right, title and interest, in and to the said debts, to the petitioner his son, who then was, and long before had been, and yet is, a citizen of, and resident in, this state, and attached to the late resolution. The committee further report, that the evidences of these debts, so assigned, were transmitted into this country before the year 1785, and on the 4th day of April, 1785, the petitioner recovered judgments for attachments against the said James Jamison, in Charles county, for the sum of £. 3212 12 2 current money, and, by virtue of such judgments, the petitioner proceeded to lay attachments in the hands of the debtors of the said James Jamison, in this state, and thereon acknowledges to have recovered the sum of £. 1639 18 5 current money.

They further report, that the petitioner alleges there are no other solvent debtors to the said Jamison in this state, and that he has expended a large sum of money in endeavouring to ascertain the same, but they report that a list of balances due to the said James Jamison hath been lodged with the auditor to a considerable amount beyond what is collected by attachments by the petitioner. The committee further report, that the said Jamison was seized in fee simple of an house and lot in Port Tobacco, Charles county, which was sold on the 13th day of April, 1785, by the intendant to John Hoskin Stone, Esquire, for the sum of £. 1750 current money, which hath been paid to the state.

Your committee beg leave to report, that by the act of confiscation in October, 1782, the real property of British subjects was confiscated, subject to the payment of debts due to citizens of this state, and they find the petitioner was a citizen of this state, and that the assignment was made to him antecedent to the passage of the confiscation act; but as the solvency or insolvency of those debts due to Jamison in this state, which have not been recovered by the petitioner, requires much time in the proof and examination, and is of much importance, and as cases similar in principle have been referred to the auditor heretofore, to wit, the cases of James Hatchings and of Robert Peter, at November session, 1790; and as it is reasonable and just that the legislature should extend the same relief to others which has been granted to some individuals heretofore, the committee beg leave to report, that in order to do justice to the state and the petitioner, that a resolution to the following effect pass this house:

RESOLVED, That the auditor-general be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to examine into the solvency or insolvency of the debtors of James Jamison resident in this state, and determine the same on just and fair principles; and if it shall appear that there are not solvent debts due in this state to James Jamison, to satisfy and discharge the judgments obtained in Charles county against him, by John Robertson, of said county, then the said auditor is to liquidate and ascertain the balance due and owing by Jamison to the said Robertson, after deducting from the said judgments the amount of solvent debts; and for the amount of such balance so due and liquidated, after the deduction aforesaid, the treasurer of the western shore is hereby authorized and directed to issue a certificate to the said John Robertson; provided the sum so liquidated and ascertained by the auditor, shall not exceed the amount for which the real property of the said James Jamison was sold to John Hoskin Stone, Esquire, and hath been received by and paid into the treasury.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read:

The report on the petition of William Barton Smoot, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Eccleston, junior, appeared in the house.

The bill to extend the time for the late sheriff of Montgomery county to complete his collection, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Jones, appeared as follow:

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

Wilner,	Chapman,	Hollingsworth,	Barnes,	Driver,	Cribb,
Tighman,	M. Piferon,	Clark,	Butcher,	Douglas,	Wooten,
Hirwood,	Campbell,	Contee,	Beatty,	Loockerman,	Rayard,
Brooks,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Quyan,	Dorley,	Ort,	Johnson,
Orsham,	Cox,	O'Bryon,	Hughlett,	Swearingen,	Tomlinson,
N E G A T I V E.					
Thomas,	Freeland,	Sherwood,	Frazier,	Townsend,	Crowell,
Flayden,	Hawkins,	Jones,	Eccleston, jun.	Dennis,	Jacques,
J. Ringgold,	Cockey,	Daniell,	Goldborough,	Corban,	Quale,
Prosser,	Gough,	Eccleston,	Ewing,	Prall,	Beall,

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Prall, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Anne Moore, of Harford county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and believe the allegations therein set forth to be true,