

said Thomas Yates and Charles Myers have become insolvent, and the whole estate of the said Jacob Myers hath been, by his executors, applied to the payment of his debts: And whereas there has been paid to the state on account of the said bonds and purchase, the sum of six hundred and twelve pounds four shillings and ten-pence in black state money, the sum of three hundred and nineteen pounds six shillings and ten-pence in specie, and the sum of fourteen thousand and eighty-four dollars and seventy-nine ninetieths in final settlement certificates; and in specie and certificates the further sum of four hundred and seventy-one pounds seven shillings and five-pence, which payments are more than the value of the property sold, and it will be attended with the ruin of the said Jacob Myers's representatives to exact the balance of the bonds aforesaid; therefore, **RESOLVED**, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to deliver up, to be cancelled, the bonds of the said Thomas Yates, Charles Myers and Jacob Myers, and the right of the state to the balances due thereon shall be and is hereby relinquished and released upon payment of the costs of suit, (if any) incurred by the state; provided, that no surplus of interest due on final settlement certificates paid into the treasury, shall be refunded.

By order,

J. WILMER, clk.

Which was read.

The amendment to the bill to enable George William West, of Baltimore county, to sell and dispose of the real estate of the late reverend William West, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Alexander Symmer, of Montgomery county, report, that they have examined the facts therein set forth, and find them to be truly stated, and the petitioner has offered satisfactory proof to the committee that no part of the money due to Andrew Symmer was received by him; that there now remains unpaid of the account heretofore liquidated by the auditor and intendant, the sum of £. 105 12 11, as stated by the petitioner. The committee further find, that no list of the debts due to James Russell hath been lodged in the auditor's office as required by law, and without such list the committee cannot say whether the said claim ought to be paid or not; they are therefore of opinion that the consideration of the aforesaid petition ought to be postponed until the next session of the general assembly.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

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

THE committee of grievances, to whom was referred the petition of Jesse Locke, of St. Mary's county, report, that they have examined into the facts stated therein, and believe them to be in general true. They also find, that the presentment against him in the said petition mentioned, was found during the continuance of the act relating to costs in criminal cases, and in the opinion of the committee was determined also during the continuance of the said act, which provides, that persons acquitted should not be burthened with the payment of costs, but the justices of said county conceiving that the said act had expired at the end of November session, 1790, refused to assess the same in the county levy. The committee are of opinion that it is contrary to every principle of reason and justice that persons who are wrongfully accused of a breach of the laws, and who are acquitted upon trial, should be burthened with the payment of costs; they are also of opinion that an act should pass to revive and continue the said act, and that this house express their sense with respect to the time when the said act expired on their journals; they therefore submit the following resolutions:

**RESOLVED**, That it is the opinion of this house, that the act relating to costs in criminal cases, passed at November session, 1787, and continued by an act of the general assembly, passed on the 17th day of December, 1787, for three years, and until the end of the next session of assembly thereafter, did not expire until the end of November session, 1791, that being the first session which happened after the expiration of three years from the time of passing the last recited act.

That leave be given to bring in a bill to revive and continue the said act.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and the resolutions therein contained assented to, and leave given to bring in a bill to revive and continue the said act. **ORDERED**, That Mr. Duvall, Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Sprigg, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Threlkeld has leave of absence for a few days.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of James Kidd, of Harford county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the interposition of the legislature is improper and unnecessary.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

The report on the petition of captain John Nicholson, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house assent to the resolution therein contained? Determined in the negative.

On the second reading the report on the petition of Benjamin Cawood, the question was put, That the house assent to the first resolution therein contained? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the house assent to the last resolution therein contained? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The report on the petition of Robert Amos, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house now determine on the said report? Determined in the negative.