

increased by the act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, and it being reasonable that some compensation should be made for the duties required under the said act." The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Swearingen, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messrs	Tilghman,	Digges,	Cox,	Ewing,	Quynn,	Houston,
	Harwood,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Denwood,	Bowie,	Duvall,	Jarrett,
	J. Worthington,	Ridgely,	Gordon,	T. Wootton,	Whittington,	M'Mechen,
	Ridout,	T. Worthington,	Hollingsworth,	Sprigg,	Dennis,	Crabb. 27.
	J. Thomas,	Howard,	R. Bond,	N E G A T I V E.		
Messrs	W. Thomas,	Freeland,	Ward,	Prall,	Van Lear,	Tomlinson,
	Kilgour,	Frazier,	Barnes,	Douglafs,	Oneale,	Simkins. 17.
	Brogden,	Daffin,	Beatty,	Swearingen,	R. Wootton,	

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The resolution being read throughout, the question was put, That the house assent thereto? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Frazier, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messrs	Tilghman,	Digges,	King,	Bowie,	Whittington,	Montgomery,
	Harwood,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Gordon,	T. Wootton,	Dennis,	Loockerman,
	J. Worthington,	Ridgely,	Hollingsworth,	Sprigg,	Houston,	Driver,
	Brogden,	T. Worthington,	R. Bond,	Quynn,	Jarrett,	M'Mechen,
	Ridout,	Cox,	Ewing,	Duvall,	Prall,	Crabb. 32.
	J. Thomas,	Denwood,	N E G A T I V E.			
Messrs	W. Thomas,	Howard,	Frazier,	Barnes,	Van Lear,	R. Wootton,
	Kilgour,	Kerr,	Daffin,	Douglafs,	Oneale,	Bayard. 16.
	Freeland,	Goldborough,	Ward,	Swearingen,		

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Duvall, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Sarah Brookes, executrix of Benjamin Brookes, late of Prince-George's county, deceased, report, that the facts stated in said petition appear to be true, and the committee are of opinion that granting the prayer thereof would save the petitioner and her son from ruin, without injury to the state; they therefore recommend the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That all further proceedings on the bill filed in the chancery court on behalf of the state, to obtain a sale of the real estate of Benjamin Brookes, deceased, be suspended until the thirty-first day of December, seventeen hundred and ninety-five.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Duvall, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Edmund Jenings, of the city of London, report, that Edmund Jenings, late of the city of London, deceased, being in his lifetime seized in fee of certain tracts or parcels of land lying in the fork of Patuxent river, in Anne-Arundel county, called _____, containing between seven and eight hundred acres of land, by his last will and testament, duly executed, in the year 1756 devised the said land to Edmund Jenings, his nephew, for life, and that the remainder in fee, on the death of Edmund Jenings, the father, descended upon the petitioner. They further report, that Edmund Jenings, the devisee for life, died in the year 1790, and that the petitioner, being contemplated by our laws as an alien, cannot hold and enjoy the said land.

The committee further report, that the petitioner was an early and decided friend of the late revolution, and was obliged to fly from England to France for safety and protection, on account of his political principles, and the friendly supplies he gave to American prisoners in distress.

They further report, that the state of Maryland had such confidence in the integrity and patriotism of the petitioner, that, by an act passed in the year 1779, the American ambassador at the court of France was authorized to appoint the petitioner trustee for the state of Maryland, to receive the bank stock, and to grant him protection to return to England for that purpose.

Your committee cannot conceive that the confiscation of the petitioner's property is within the spirit of the act of confiscation, and although the laws consider him as an alien without the capacity to hold and enjoy real property in this state, yet they are of opinion his integrity, patriotism, and attachment to this country, zealously and often manifested, entitles him to a restitution of the said property, and capacity to hold and enjoy the same. The committee recommend the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That the right of this state to the lands lying in the fork of Patuxent river, in Anne-Arundel county, which belonged to Edmund Jenings, of London, deceased, be and the same is hereby relinquished, and vested in Edmund Jenings, of London, son of the said Edmund, his heirs and assigns, for ever.

RESOLVED, That the said Edmund Jenings have capacity, and he is hereby authorized and capacitated to hold and enjoy the said lands during life, with power to alien, devise or dispose of the same according to law, in such manner and at such times as he may think proper, to any citizen or citizens of this or any of the United States of America.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read, and referred to the next session of assembly.

Mr.