

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this general assembly be and they are hereby given to Christopher Richmond, agent appointed to settle the accounts of this state with the United States, and to his assistant John Wright, for the ability, diligence, and faithful attention to the interests of this state, with which they have discharged the trust reposed in them.

By order,

C. WAYMAN, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Whereas by the third section of the declaration of rights, it is declared, among other things, that the inhabitants of Maryland are entitled to the benefit of such of the English statutes as existed at the time of their first emigration, and which by experience have been found applicable to their local and other circumstances, and of such others as have been since made in England or Great-Britain, and have been introduced, used and practised, by the courts of law or equity: And whereas it is not generally known by the people of this state, which of the English statutes existed at the time of the first emigration of their ancestors, and which by experience have been found applicable to their local and other circumstances, nor is it generally known to the citizens of this state what statutes made since such emigration have been introduced, used and practised, by the courts of law or equity in this state: And whereas in a free government all legislative acts, which respect the lives, liberties and estate, of the people, ought to be published, and a knowledge of them diffused generally through the state; RESOLVED, That the chancellor, and the judges of the general court, be and they are hereby appointed and requested to take into their consideration the subject above recited, and make report to the general assembly, at their next annual meeting, of such of the English statutes as existed at the time of the first emigration of the people of Maryland, and which, before the fourth day of July, 1776, by experience, had been found applicable to their local and other circumstances, and of such others as had, since such emigration, been made in England or Great-Britain, and had been introduced, used or practised, by the courts of law or equity in this state, that order may be taken therein.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, ORDERED, That the report of William Robertson, be referred to the next session of assembly.

On motion, the question was put, That the house dispense with the seventeenth rule? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Messieurs	Harwood,	Howard,	Hollingsworth,	T. Wootton,	Sency,	Purnell,	
	Ridout,	Cox,	R. Bond,	Quynn,	Whittington,	Crabb,	
	Ridgely, of Wm.	Denwood,	Ward,	Duvall,	Dennis,	Simkins.	23.
	T. Worthington,	Frazier,	Ewing,	O'Bryon,	Houlton,		
		N E G A T I V E.					
Messieurs	W. Thomas,	Freeland,	Sprigg,	Prall,	Van Lear,	Threlkeld,	
	Kilgour,	King,	Beatty,	Douglafs.	Hughes,	Bayard,	
	Tilghman,	Digges,	Jarrett,	Swearingen,	Oneale,	Tomlinson.	20.
	J. Worthington,	Bowie,					

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, the question was put, That the treasurer of the western shore, on application of James Hutchings, of Queen-Anne's county, issue to the said James Hutchings, or his assigns, a certificate for the sum of £. 393 7 4, bearing an interest of six per cent. from the time of issuing the same, provided the chancellor shall be of opinion, on evidence to be produced to him, that a tract of land called Billingham, commonly known by the name of the Homony Pot, which was lately recovered by the state of Maryland against Charles Steuart, of Anne-Arundel county, was held by Robert Smith in trust for the late Sir Robert Eden, deceased, and shall certify such opinion in writing to the treasurer? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, December 28, 1793: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. PERRY, jun. clk.

"By the senate, December 28, 1793: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. PERRY, jun. clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

The bill relative to appeals to be prosecuted, or injunctions to be obtained, by executors or administrators, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The report on the petition of Sarah Brookes, executrix of Benjamin Brookes, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The following resolution being propounded to the house, viz. RESOLVED, That the printer to the state be allowed the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ current money, in addition to his salary for the ensuing year, ORDERED, That the same be referred to the next session of assembly.

RESOLVED, That all bills, resolutions, reports and petitions, not finally acted upon, shall be referred to the next session of assembly, except the journal of accounts, and the bill for the payment of the same.

Mr. Brogden, from the committee of claims, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the journal of accounts; which was read the first and second time, assented to, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That the committee of claims prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Brogden, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

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