

the said land in the year 1774, but the said patent, or any record thereof, cannot now be found in the land-office.

The committee are informed, that in the year 1774 several patents which had been made out were taken away by Sir Robert Eden, some of which were never procured, and that probably the aforesaid patent was one of them; under these circumstances your committee are of opinion, that it would be hard to put the said John Hamilton again to the expence and costs of surveying and paying for the said land; they therefore submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the chancellor be and he is hereby authorised and empowered, upon the application of John Hamilton, of Prince-George's county, to cause patent to issue for the tract of land called Hamilton's Purchase Enlarged, lying in Prince-George's county, agreeably to the duplicate certificate of resurvey of the said land, made and executed the eleventh day of October, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-three, by John F. A. Priggs, the then deputy surveyor of Prince-George's county, and that the register of the land-office be authorised to record the said duplicate certificate of resurvey, and patent issuing thereon, which shall be taken and deemed in law as having effect and operation to grant said land from the said 24th day of February, 1774.

By order, J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read.

Mr. M'Kim, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to extend the several streets in Baltimore-town therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to establish and regulate a market in Charles-town, in Charles county, and to prevent persons from suffering goats, hogs and geese, to go at large in the said town, was read the second time, and passed. Sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill for the establishment and regulation of the levy courts in the several counties of this state, was read the second time by especial order, and passed. Sent to the senate by the clerk.

The following resolution was propounded by Mr. Winchester, seconded by Mr. Robins.

Whereas John Hamilton, of Prince-George's county, did petition this general assembly for an act to authorise the issuing of a patent on a survey made for him of a tract of land in Prince-George's county, called Hamilton's Purchase, containing two hundred and forty-eight and one half acres of land, stating that the record of the original patent thereof hath been lost: And whereas by a certificate exhibited with the said petition, signed by the register of the land-office, it appeared, by an entry made on the margin of the record of the warrant on which the said survey was made, that a patent had issued, but that there was no record of the patent or certificate remaining in the land-office: And whereas Lawrence Oneale, Esquire, a member of this house, after the exhibition of the said petition, and the reading and reference thereof to a committee for consideration, did make application to the register of the land-office for a warrant of proclamation to affect the land included in the said survey; and this general assembly being of opinion that such conduct is a violation of the rights of the people of this state, and the duty of a representative, **RESOLVED**, That the said Lawrence Oneale be expelled, and he is hereby expelled from this house, and his seat as a delegate for Montgomery county declared to be and it is hereby vacated.

ORDERED, That the said resolution have a second reading to-morrow, that the said Lawrence Oneale be furnished with a copy thereof, and that he have permission to be heard by counsel at the bar of the house, and that summonses issue for John Callahan and Henry Whetcroft, to appear at the bar of the house on to-morrow.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution respecting the statute laws of Great-Britain and the acts of assembly of this state, endorsed; "By the senate, December 16, 1794: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, N. PINKNEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 20, 1794: Read the second time and dissented to.

"By order, N. PINKNEY, clk."

The resolution relative to Robert Goldsborough, endorsed; "By the senate, December 18, 1794:

"Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, N. PINKNEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 20, 1794: Read the second time and dissented to.

"By order, N. PINKNEY, clk."

And the following resolution:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 20, 1794.

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, existing at the time of the first emigration of their ancestors, have, by experience, 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 estates of the people, ought to be published, and a knowledge of them diffused generally through the state; **RESOLVED**, That the chancellor, the judges of the general court, and the attorney-general, be and they are hereby appointed and requested to take into their consideration the subject above recited;