

8 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1796.

On bonds uninstalled, as follows:

On account of confiscated property,	23369 15 11	
Interest due thereon,	11400 0 0	34769 15 11
On account of the emissions of 1769 and 1773,	1350 0 0	
Interest due thereon,	800 0 0	2150 0 0
On account of specifics,	169 11 6	
Interest due thereon,	75 0 0	244 11 6
On account of taxes,	17075 8 3	
Interest due thereon,	6500 0 0	23575 8 3
		<u>£.60739 15 8</u>

And from the clerks, sheriffs and naval officers, for fines, forfeitures, licences, naval duties, &c. the sum of £.6950 5 6, subject to a deduction of at least one third for insolvencies, and remissions of fines and forfeitures.

The agent suggests an opinion, that little or none of the uninstalled debt for confiscated property will be received during the year 1797, the greater part of the debtors of this description having filed bills in chancery to be either released from their contracts, or have abatements made on the amount of their purchases; many of them have been filed eight or ten years, and no prospect of being brought to an issue in any short period of time, owing; (as the attorney-general informs him,) to the want of some person to attend on behalf of the state the surveys and locations of the lands for which those debts were contracted. And of the balances due for taxes, a very small amount can ever be received, the collectors and their securities being insolvent; nor can the agent with any degree of precision say what part of the installed debt will be received during the year 1797, a considerable part thereof being subject to such delay as the common course of law admits of.

The agent begs leave to observe, that there yet remains confiscated property unsold, the title of which he has been engaged in ascertaining, and which will be ready for sale in the year 1797, to the probable amount of £.5000; and that there is information lodged by sundry citizens of property to a very considerable amount as liable to confiscation, without their furnishing the agent with any title papers, the want of which has prevented him from laying the state's claim thereto before the attorney-general for his opinion. The agent therefore begs leave to suggest to your honours the propriety of passing a law or resolution, limiting such persons to some definite period for producing the title papers of such property as they may have heretofore discovered, or be for ever thereafter excluded from any advantage of such discovery.

All which is submitted.

WILLIAM MARBURY, Agent.

November 14, 1796.

Which was read, and referred to Mr. Ridout, Mr. Key, Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Baker, Mr. Digges, Mr. Barroll and Mr. Wilson, to consider and report thereon.

ORDERED, That the printer to the state strike one hundred copies of the said report for the use of the general assembly.

The report on the petition of Edward Dennis, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

A petition from William Edmondson, of Talbot county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, November 15, 1796.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Lawrence Oneale, a delegate returned for Montgomery county, Mr. William Corbin, a delegate returned for Worcester county, Mr. David M'Mechen, a delegate returned for Baltimore-town, and Mr. James Carroll, a delegate returned for Baltimore county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took their seats in the house.

A petition from George Richardson, late collector of the fund tax for Worcester county, praying a remission of the fifteen per cent. incurred as collector of said county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Robins, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Corbin, to consider and report thereon.

Petitions from Arthur Carrick, Asa Allen, Gauteir Aine, Elkin Solomon, Duncan McIntosh, John Giles Read, and James Thompson, of Baltimore-town, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Ridout, from the committee of elections and privileges, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee of elections and privileges further report, that it appears from the certificates of the sheriff and deputy sheriff of Talbot county, which have been exhibited to your committee since their last report, that Philemon Sherwood, John Harwood, Henry Johnson, and Wrightson Lamdin, Esquires,