

penny, it being the sum paid to the agent aforesaid, as appears by his receipt, bearing date the twentieth day of May, seventeen hundred and ninety-six, for the land purchased as aforesaid, and to which the state could give no title under the purchase.

All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

S. LUCKETT, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Charles Mankin, of Charles county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Winchester, Mr. Parnham and Mr. Key, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Brother, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Christian Koon, of Frederick county, report, that under the existing laws of this state there is provided an ample remedy for the petitioner, but from the smallness of the petitioner's claim, and the expence attending a tedious litigation in a court of equity, it would, to the apprehension of your committee, be equal to the denial of justice to refer the petitioner to his ordinary remedy at law; your committee, under this impression, are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted, and beg leave to submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay unto Christian Koon, or order, the sum of ten pounds three shillings and four-pence current money, provided the said Koon shall enter into bond to the state of Maryland, with such security as the said treasurer shall approve of, to refund such proportion of the sum received by him as the other creditors of Robert Wood (if any) would be entitled to.

All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

S. LUCKETT, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and the question put, That the house concur there-with? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Carroll, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of fundry inhabitants of Baltimore-town, respecting a seminary of learning lately consumed by fire in said town, beg leave to report, that your committee find, by satisfactory documents, that the Baltimore academy was very flourishing, and likely to be eminently useful; that provision was made for carrying on all the parts of a liberal education, and that a number of the students were actually employed in the higher branches of learning; that of ten persons, including the principal, appointed to instruct the pupils, only one was of the same religious society with those who founded the seminary, and that of more than three hundred scholars, a majority were the children of people of different persuasions; that people of all descriptions were highly pleased with the management of the institution; that the purchasers of the building, and trustees of the seminary, do not wish to confine to themselves, nor to restrict to their own society, the advantage nor the government of it, but desire an act of incorporation, which may transfer the property to the public, and commit the direction to such trustees and governors as may be judged most proper; that the petitioners have been at the expence of twelve thousand pounds in establishing two seminaries of learning, and that the buildings and apparatus of both have been destroyed by fire in the space of one year. Your committee beg leave further to report, that the present case appears to them a proper occasion of legislative interference, because the institution in question promised to be more than ordinarily useful, because no application was made to the legislature until an accident disappointed very liberal and disinterested private efforts, because the present application is prompted by the necessity of the case, because the reasons for granting the prayer of the petition seem to be of weight, and do not tend to establish a bad precedent, not being applicable to other places in the state; and finally, because a compliance with the prayer of the petition appears to be dictated by consistency, as well as by humane and wise policy. Your committee therefore beg leave to propose the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That a sum not exceeding eight thousand dollars be paid out of the treasury to the order of Philip Rogers, Jesse Hollingsworth and Emanuel Kent, for the purpose of rebuilding the Baltimore academy lately destroyed by fire, and that the said Philip Rogers, Jesse Hollingsworth and Emanuel Kent, give bond, under the penalty of sixteen thousand dollars, before the governor and council, for the faithful application of the said money to the purposes intended by this resolution.

All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Carroll, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to lay out several turnpike roads in Baltimore county, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On the second reading the bill to lay out and establish a turnpike road from the city of Washington to Baltimore-town, the question was put, That the house reconsider the following clause? "And be it enacted, That the president and directors be and are hereby authorized to appoint five commissioners, neither of whom shall be an inhabitant of Anne-Arundel, Baltimore or Prince-George's counties, or directly or indirectly interested in any of the lands through which the said road may or shall pass; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall lay out and mark a public road from the city of Washington to Baltimore-town, on as straight a line as the nature of the country and public convenience will admit, provided that the said road shall not be carried through any building, garden, bearing apple orchard or yard, without the consent of the owner or possessor thereof." Determined in the negative.