

treasurer of the western shore make the subscription therefor in behalf of the said state, according to the act of assembly in such case made and provided, on or before the first day of February next; and that the said treasurer, immediately upon making the said subscription, pay to the cashier of the said bank one fourth part of such subscription, amounting to fifty-five shares, and that he pay the residue thereof from time to time, out of any unappropriated money that now is in the treasury, or that may hereafter be received therein, in three equal instalments, amounting each instalment to fifty-five shares; provided, That this resolution shall not in any respect affect any money in the treasury that will be necessary to pay the civil list, or the journal of accounts of this session.

ORDERED, That the same have a second reading on to-morrow.

A petition from William Lamar, of Allegany county, praying an act may pass to appoint some person in the room of John Cradock, deceased, to act in conjunction with Samuel Owings, for the purpose of conveying a tract of land to him, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Clarke, Mr. Wardington and Mr. A. Beall, to consider and report thereon.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, December 8, 1797.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill for the benefit of Nicholas Sluby, of the city of Baltimore, was sent to the senate, with the bill to establish a market at Summer-Hill in West Nottingham hundred, in Cecil county, for the sale of live stock, by the clerk.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Eccleston, of Dorchester county, report that by a resolution which passed at November session, 1792, the attorney-general was directed to prosecute a suit against the heirs of colonel John Rider for part of lot No. 3, of the Nanticoke Indian lands, purchased by the said John Eccleston of the late intendant of the revenue; that the said suit has been determined against the state, and the heirs of the said colonel Rider remain in possession of part of lot No. 3, sold as aforesaid to the said John Eccleston; that by a resolution passed at November session, 1795, the governor and council were authorized to appoint one person, who was to join another person appointed by the said Eccleston, to ascertain the amount to be paid by the said Eccleston, after deducting from the original purchase money the value of the lands now held by the heirs of colonel Rider; that Daniel Sullivan, appointed by the governor and council, and David Smith, appointed by John Eccleston, after taking the above circumstances into their consideration, and after obtaining an accurate survey of the said lands, awarded that 443 acres were clear of dispute, and that the part taken by the heirs of Rider was so much more valuable than the rest, that the part now belonging of right to said Eccleston was not worth more than fifteen shillings per acre. Your committee are of opinion that the said John Eccleston, upon the above statement of facts, ought to have a deduction from the debt due from him to the state, under the contract aforesaid, and that the auditor liquidate and settle the account of the said John Eccleston, charging the said Eccleston fifteen shillings, and no more, per acre, for all that part of lot No. 3 clear of the claim of colonel Rider's heirs.

By order,

R. K. WATTS, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee appointed to consider the petition of the president and trustees of Charlotte-Hall school report, that they have examined the same, and are well informed that the said school is an institution that promises great public advantage; that it is provided with able masters, and at present has upwards of forty scholars; that the funds of said school consist of a fee-simple estate in between three and four hundred acres of land, situated in a cheap and uncommonly healthy part of the state, on the border of two, and convenient to four counties, and improved with a very valuable brick building, but that funds are wanting to make the institution as extensively useful as the friends and patrons of learning could wish. The committee, under such circumstances, report as their opinion, that a loan of eight thousand dollars to said school for five years, free of interest, would greatly promote the institution, and recommend the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to the president and trustees of Charlotte-Hall school the sum of eight thousand dollars, on the said trustees mortgaging the lands and improvements belonging to said school to Thomas Harwood, and his heirs, for the use of the state, as a security for the repayment of the said sum of eight thousand dollars, free of interest, at the expiration of five years from the receipt of said sum.

By order,

S. MAYNARD, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Thomas Nichols, of Montgomery county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to establish and regulate a market at Bridge-town, in Kent county, and for other purposes therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Parker, Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Swales, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The following message being prepared, was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 8, 1797.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

THIS being the day appointed by both houses for the purpose of electing a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States in the room of John Henry, Esquire, whose seat is vacated by his resignation, we propose to go immediately into ballot for the same. Joshua Seney, William Winder