

opinion the facts therein stated are true; they therefore beg leave to submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the auditor for the state of Maryland liquidate the account of Samuel Chamberlaine, and that the treasurer of the western shore pay to the said Samuel Chamberlaine the sum of money, if any, that may be found due by the auditor.

All which is submitted.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Jones, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorise a lottery in Somerset county for the purpose of raising a sum of money for the purpose of repairing the causeway in said county commonly known by the name of Vienna Causeway, and completing a new road leading from Barren creek mills to Dean's Landing, on Nanticoke river; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The order of the day, for taking into consideration the bill for the establishment of vestries for each parish in this state, is postponed.

On motion, **ORDERED**, That the report on the petition of John Gale, and others, be withdrawn.

The report on the representation of the justices of the orphans court of Calvert county was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. **ORDERED**, That Mr. Emerson, Mr. Key, Mr. Brome, Mr. Robins and Mr. Rackliff, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Barroll report, that he intermarried with a certain Lucretia Edmondson, of Talbot county, and had issue by her, now living, two children, James Barroll and Juliana Barroll, infants of tender years; that some time after the birth of the youngest child, the petitioner, and Lucretia the wife, lived on terms incompatible with the happiness of the conjugal union, which every day increased from bad to worse, until they separated, soon after which the said Lucretia lived in open and avowed habits of adultery, and still continues an adulterous connexion. The committee state that the said Lucretia was seized and possessed of considerable real and personal estate, which by mutual consent has been lately settled, by deeds duly executed, in a just and proper manner, in the judgment of the committee. The known and avowed state of incontinency in which the petitioner's wife lives, the settlement of the estate, and their mutual wishes, have made it unnecessary to detail a series of facts, which in all countries have been deemed sufficient to annul the marriage contract, and which have influenced the minds of the committee to report, that the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable, and that leave should be given to bring in a bill to divorce the petitioner and his wife a vinculo matrimonii.

By order,

S. MAYNARD, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Abraham Jarrett and Hannah Crossmore report, that they have taken the same into their consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, and that leave be given to bring in a bill to carry the same into effect.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Duckett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 13, 1797.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

IN answer to your message of yesterday we must observe, that we are equally solicitous with your body to put an end to the present session, but are not prepared to determine the precise period of its termination.

Many subjects, important in their nature, must at all events be taken into consideration during the present session, and we think it impossible to say what length of time their deliberation may require. As the senate seem to have an understanding of the business that must necessarily occupy the attention of the legislature, we would here suggest the propriety of their lending an assisting hand in moulding it into form. However, when we are prepared to close the session the senate may be assured due notice shall be given them.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The report on the petition of William S. Bond, in behalf of himself and partners, was read the second time and concurred with.

Whereas a warrant of proclamation hath issued from the land-office of the western shore in the names of James Earle, Samuel Brown, William Stoddert Bond and Peregrine Fitzhugh, to affect a certificate of survey of a tract of land called Bone's Meadows, lying in Allegany county: And whereas John Ayres and Maria Ayres, infant children of James Ayres, of Talbot county, deceased, have an interest in three eighths of said warrant, and the land to be affected thereby, and it is the wish of this general assembly to protect the interests of said infants, in consideration of the military services of their father, by suffering the composition money on their part of said land to be bonded for, **RESOLVED**, That the surveyor of Allegany county be and he is hereby authorised and empowered, in the execution of the aforesaid warrant of proclamation, to locate and make out two certificates of survey, the one in the names of John Ayres and Maria Ayres, infants, of Talbot county, including three eighths of said tract of land, of equal quality with the residue, and one other certificate including the remaining five eighths of said tract of land in the names of James Earle, Samuel Brown, William Stoddert Bond and Peregrine Fitzhugh, and that the plot and certificate returned in the names of John Ayres and Maria Ayres