

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of David Crauford, of Prince-George's county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and had the fact therein stated to be true; they therefore recommend the following resolution:

Whereas it appears that a certain Alexander Frazier, on the thirtieth day of June, in the year seventeen hundred and sixty-three, was indebted to David Crauford, of Prince-George's county, in the sum of seventeen pounds ten shillings current money, and died seized of a tract of land, which he devised to his son James Frazier, who lived in Canada, and was an alien: And whereas the said tract has been since sold by the agent of this state to a certain James Smith, of the county aforesaid, **Resolved**, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to the said David Crauford the said sum of seventeen pounds ten shillings current money, with interest from the thirtieth day of June, seventeen hundred and sixty-three, to the first day of November, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read.

The amendments to the bill respecting certain lots westward of Fort Cumberland erroneously transferred, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The amendment to the bill to authorise and empower the levy court of Montgomery county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the support of Jemima Thompson, was read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The amendments to the bill to authorise and empower the levy court of Saint-Mary's county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the support of Bennett Thompson, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

A petition from Richard Harris, late a soldier in the Maryland line, praying the depreciation of his pay, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Chapman, Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Wilson, to consider and report thereon.

The amendments to the bill for the benefit of Phebe Martin and Priscilla Martin, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to lay out several turnpike roads in Baltimore county, and for other purposes, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The supplement to an act passed at November session, 1792, entitled, An act to open a road through part of Montgomery county, and to repeal certain parts therein contained, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

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

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the corporation of the city of Annapolis, report, that they have inquired into the facts therein stated, and find them to be true, and are therefore of opinion that leave be given to bring in a bill agreeably to the prayer of said petition. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

S. MAYNARD, clk.

Which was read.

The amendments to the bill to allow further time for collecting the balances due Thomas O'Bryon, late Sheriff and collector of Queen-Anne's county, deceased, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to secure the collection of the duties imposed upon marriage licences, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to interest the state of Maryland in the Susquehanna canal, and to enlarge her capital in the Patowmack company. **ORDERED**, That Mr. Smith, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Key, Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Duckett, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

ORDERED, That the bill to establish permanent salaries for the judges of the general court, be committed for amendment.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to relinquish the right of this state to the lands therein mentioned. **ORDERED**, That Mr. Key, Mr. Clarke and Mr. Hyland, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution respecting William S. Bond, and others, endorsed; **By the senate, December 13, 1797**: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 22, 1797: Read the second time and dissented from.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 22, 1797.

GENTLEMEN,

THE facts stated in the resolution grounded upon the application of William Stoddert Bond, do not appear to be satisfactorily proved to the senate, we have therefore dissented from it; but on account of the uncommon extent of the survey mentioned therein, of which we are satisfied, and in consideration of the large sum of money to become due thereon, we think that further time may be reasonably allowed for returning the certificate, and for securing the composition thereon; and as there may be many other individuals interested in the return of certificates of large surveys, who may be greatly prejudiced without indulgence, it is submitted to your house, whether, in the case of surveys exceeding one thousand acres of land, it may not be advisable to extend the time limited by law for returning the certificates thereof, and to allow the parties to insist for the payment of the composition money. We think this indulgence would be ultimately beneficial to the interest of the state, and thus thinking, we have