

Mr. Wilson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Duckett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the more effectual collection of the county charges in the several counties of this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill for the encouragement of learning in the several counties of this state, and to establish an uniform system of education, be the order of the day for Monday next.

The following resolution being propounded to the house, was read.

Whereas it appears to the general assembly, by a certificate and plot returned by the surveyor of Dorchester county, that a tract of land called Bartholomew's Close, belonging to the heirs of coloued Ryder, interferes with and takes away seventy acres and three quarters of an acre of a lot distinguished number Three, being part of the Indian Lands, on Nanticoke manor, heretofore sold to John Eccleston by the late intendant of the revenue, and that the proportional value thereof ought to be deducted from the claim of this state against the said John Eccleston for the purchase money thereof; therefore, RESOLVED, That the agent of the state be and he is hereby authorized and empowered, with all convenient speed after this session of assembly, to repair to the premises so purchased by the said John Eccleston, first giving him ten days notice in writing of the time appointed by him for this purpose, and to view and examine the lands so taken away, and to receive and consider such evidence respecting the quality and situation thereof as may enable him, in aid of his own judgment thereupon, to ascertain the true relative value of the lands so affected, having regard to the original terms of the contract made by the said John Eccleston for the purchase thereof; and the said agent is hereby authorized and empowered to report the valuation which he shall so make thereof to the auditor-general, under his hand and seal, without delay.

And it is further RESOLVED, That the said auditor, upon receiving the report of the said agent, and after procuring the account of the state against the said John Eccleston from the books of the treasury, shall forthwith proceed to settle and liquidate the true balance resulting from the examination of the papers, and deducting the valuation so to be reported; and the said auditor shall certify the settlement and liquidation aforesaid to the treasurer of the western shore, who is hereby authorized and directed to pay the said John Eccleston, his executors, administrators or assigns, such balance of money, if any, as may be found due to the said John Eccleston upon such settlement and liquidation, so made by the said auditor; and all proceedings upon the judgment obtained against the said John Eccleston for the cause aforesaid shall be and the same are hereby suspended until the further order of the legislature.

The bill to empower John Hammond, of the city of Baltimore, father and guardian of John Barnett Hammond, to lease the real estate therein mentioned, was read the second time, and passed.

The bill to make a temporary allowance to the judges of the court of appeals, in addition to their permanent salaries, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Leigh, Hall, Godman, Taney, Bourne, Brome.	Chapman, Parnham, Carrall, Kerr, Hyland, Jones,	S. Frazier, Craig, Pattison, Hollingsworth, Matthews,	Addison, Bowie, Duckett, Quynn, Key,	C. Frazier, Wilson, Montgomery, Jarrett, McComas,	Bond, Smith, Dorsey, Clarke, Tomlinson.
N E G A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Comegys, Emerson, T. Buchanan, Merryman,	Worthington, E. Brown, Sherwood, Martin,	Harwood, Wallace, Miller, Calvert,	Nicholson, J. Brown, Emory, Warfield,	Thomas, Fred. C. Beall, Riley, P. Magruder,	R. Magruder, Summers, Rice.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, January 8, 1798.

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

The bill to appoint an agent for the year 1798, the bill to make a temporary allowance to the judges of the court of appeals, in addition to their permanent salaries, the bill to empower John Hammond, of the city of Baltimore, father and guardian of John Barnett Hammond, to lease the real estate therein mentioned, and the resolution in favour of Robert Waters and William Diamond, were sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Smith, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act respecting the poor-house of Baltimore county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the relief of Stephen Zacharie, of the city of Baltimore.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to the act respecting the roads of Somerset and Worcester counties. ORDERED, That Mr. Wilson, Mr. Jones and Mr. Hyland, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On the second reading the report on the petition of Upton Beall, the question was put, That the house assent to the resolution therein contained? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Dorsey brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Stephen Zacharie, of the city of Baltimore; which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed.