

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of John Hoskins Stone report, that the facts stated therein are many, and in some degree intricate, and believe another tribunal competent to a more accurate examination of the whole transaction, and therefore submit to the house the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to examine into the claim of John Hoskins Stone, exhibited to this legislature, against the state, and to report the facts existing in the same, with their opinion thereon, to the next session of assembly.

By order,

R. K. WATTS, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Matthews, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to restrain the ill practices used by sheriffs in taking goods by fieri facias and selling them by venditioni exponas. ORDERED, That the same be referred to the next session of assembly.

On the second reading the bill relating to sheriffs sales, and to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned, the question was put, That the following clause be struck out of the said bill? "And be it enacted, That an act, entitled, An act to restrain ill practices used by sheriffs in taking goods by fieri facias and selling them by venditioni exponas, passed on the 17th day of July, 1716, be repealed and declared null and void." The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messrs.	Greenwell,	Taney,	Sherwood,	Craig,	Emory,	Young,
	Angier,	Bourne,	Martin,	Wallace,	Jarrett,	Riley,
	Comegys,	Brome,	Hyland,	Addison,	McComas,	P. Magruder,
	Hall,	Chapman,	S. Frazier,	C. Frazier,	Bond,	Tomlinson.
	Emerson,	Thomas, Chas.				26.

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs.	J. C. Thomas,	Merryman,	Hollingsworth,	Key,	Smith,	Summers,
	Godman,	Kerr,	Matthews,	J. Brown,	Dorsey,	Clarke.
	Parnham,	Jones,	Qaynn,	Thomas, Fred.	R. Magruder,	17.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution respecting the per diem, endorsed; "By the senate, January 20, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, January 20, 1798: Read the second time and dissented from.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The resolution respecting composition money on certificates returned to the western shore land-office, endorsed; "By the senate, January 17, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, January 20, 1798: Read the second time and assented to with the proposed amendment.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Amendment proposed. Strike out from the word "that" in the 6th line to the end of the resolution, and insert "indulgence should also be granted to those who have been careful and active in having their surveys completed and returned to the land-office agreeably to the directions of the act of November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-five, therefore, RESOLVED, That all those who have had their surveys made in Allegany county, and have had the same passed by the examiner-general, and filed in the land-office, agreeably to the directions of the before recited act, shall have the privilege of installing at any time before the first day of June next, by giving bond, with such security as the western shore treasurer shall require, for payment of the principal sum due in three equal annual instalments, and interest thereon from the date of the bond; and if payment shall not be made according to the times aforesaid, process of scire facias shall issue upon the said bonds for the immediate recovery of the sum of money due against the persons, their lands and chattels, of the several obligors therein mentioned, and the lands affected by such surveys shall be bound for the payment of the composition due."

Which was read the first and second time and agreed to.

The bill to increase the fees of the examiner-general of the western shore, and the examiner of the eastern shore, endorsed; "By the senate, January 17, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, January 20, 1798: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The bill authorizing Henry Stevenson, collector of Baltimore county, to complete his collections, endorsed; "By the senate, January 20, 1798: Upon reconsideration will pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to public roads in this state, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, January 19, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, January 20, 1798: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.