

The following resolution being propounded to the house was read.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore of Maryland shall and he is hereby directed to pay to the mayor of the city of Baltimore, or to his order, out of any unappropriated money that may be in the treasury, the sum of _____ dollars, to be applied to the finishing the hospital for the relief of indigent sick persons and for the reception and care of lunatics, now erecting in Baltimore county, agreeably to an act passed at the last session of the general assembly, upon bond being given, with good security, for the faithful and due application of the said sum of money to the purpose herein before mentioned.

On the second reading the said resolution, the question was put, That the blank be filled up with the sum of eight thousand dollars? Determined in the negative.

ORDERED, That the further consideration of the said resolution be postponed.

Mr. W. Wilson has leave of absence till Tuesday week.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Ferguson, of Prince-George's county, report, they have taken the same into consideration; and find, that on the eighth day of September, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, the petitioner purchased of Clement Holliday, Esq; one of the commissioners for the sale of confiscated property, two tracts of land, called Waughton and Chance, which tracts were said to contain and sold for the quantity of five hundred and seventeen acres of land, but the committee state, that Waughton, clear of elder surveys, only contains three hundred and ninety-six and a half acres, and Chance is entirely included in more ancient surveys. The committee further find, that the said William Ferguson paid the whole of the purchase money, with interest; that since he discovered the deficiency in the land, he sold to John Laird, who sold to Thomas Dick, but that the said Ferguson disclosed the situation of the property, and expressly reserved his claim on the state. The committee further find, that the state of Maryland, having a title to twenty-eight and a quarter acres of land included in the lines of Waughton, but which were also comprehended in elder surveys, and being desirous of complying, as far as practicable, with the contract, conveyed the said twenty-eight and a quarter acres, together with that part of Waughton clear of elder surveys, to the said Thomas Dick, the whole amounting to four hundred and twenty-four and three quarters of acres of land. The committee are of opinion that the said William Ferguson has a just claim on the state for the value of the said ninety-two and a quarter acres of land at the time of sale, with interest thereon, in the same manner he has paid; they therefore submit the following resolutions:

Whereas it appears to this general assembly, that four tracts of land, called Haddock's Hills, Barbado, Seaman's Delight, and Yarrow Head, interfere with and take away ninety-two and one quarter of an acre of two tracts of land, called Waughton and Chance, confiscated property, heretofore sold to William Ferguson, of Prince-George's county, by Clement Holliday, Esquire, one of the commissioners for the sale and preservation of British property: And whereas the said Ferguson has paid the state of Maryland the full amount of the purchase money, without receiving any deduction on account of said deficiency: And whereas in justice the state is bound to refund and pay back to the said William Ferguson the money he has paid for said land taken away as aforesaid; for the ascertaining the true value thereof at the time of sale, with a view to the whole contract, **RESOLVED**, That the agent of the state be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and requested, with all convenient speed, to repair to the premises so purchased by the said William Ferguson, 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 a regard to the original sale, and report the valuation thereof to the treasurer of the western shore, under his hand and seal.

AND RESOLVED, That the said treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the amount of such valuation, with legal interest thereon, to the said William Ferguson, or his order, in manner following, to wit: Two thirds of principal, and interest from the time of sale on the whole principal to the first day of December, seventeen hundred and ninety, in six per cent. stock of the United States, and one third of the principal in deferred stock aforesaid, with the interest on the whole principal from the first day of December, seventeen hundred and ninety, until paid.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Neale, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorize and empower the justices of the levy court of Saint-Mary's county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time by especial order, and passed.

Mr. E. Brown, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following resolution, viz.

Whereas Henry Stevenson, of Baltimore county, late sheriff and collector of public dues, stands indebted to the state for fifteen per cent. interest on the amount of amerciaments, pedlers and retailers' licences, fines and forfeited recognizances, not collected within the time limited by law: And whereas the said Henry Stevenson, at the last session of the general assembly, was indulged with a further time, in which he was permitted to make the said collection; and the said Henry Stevenson having, in conformity to the provision of said law, made up the said collection, and settled the same with the agent of this state to the full amount thereof, excepting the said fifteen