

The resolution is clear and unequivocal, "to obtain a transfer of the whole stock, if possible, but if, from circumstances not in our power to prevent, a part should be withheld and insisted on as an indemnity for Russell's claim, then to relinquish such part, not exceeding a limited sum, and to take a transfer of the residue."

If practicable to obtain all, we have no apprehension that the minister will sacrifice our interests; and if all cannot be obtained, what does sound policy and the true interests of the state require?

It may be said, a dereliction of part is improper, when the whole is justly due; granted—but are we the sole judges? Have we not information that eminent counsel in England think differently on this subject?—Are we not apprised that the chancellor has determined we have no redress in his forum?—All hope of recovery by suit has failed.—To what then shall we resort?—Either to arms or negotiation.—If to negotiation, which all prefer, what moment can be more favourable than the present?—When do we expect a minister competent or disposed to prosecute our right with more zeal or ability than Mr. King?—We consider delay as pregnant with mischief; every year may beget new claims, and new claims, whether just or unjust, interpose further obstacles to a transfer of the stock.—And in all the various points of view in which this subject presents itself to us, the resolution appears salutary and politic, and best adapted to promote the true interests of the state.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and the question put, That the house agree to the said message? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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| Messieurs | Leigh, Barber, Greenwell, Neale, Hall, Brome, Parnham, M ^r Pnerion, | E. Brown, Ridgely, Lemmon, Sherwood, Nabb, Benson, Jones, Hyland, | Steuart, Miller, Hollingsworth, Wallace, Addison, J. Magruder, Duckett, Quynn, | J. Brown, Nicholson, C. Frazier, Corbin, Purnell, Gwinn, Bruce, Jarrett, | M ^r Comas, Montgomery, Potter, Hughlett, A. Buchanan, W. Wilson, Kershner, Cellar, | Geoghegan, J. Buchanan, Summers, Swearingen, Riley, Cretap, of D. Beall, Simkins. 48. |
| Messieurs | Barroll, Tilghman, Brogden, Worthington, | Taney, Bourne, Carroll, | Edmondson, Winder, Pattison, | Keene, Steele, S. Frazier, | Calvert, Wright, E. K. Wilson, | Warfield, Thomas, Cretap, of M. 19. |

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act respecting the punishment of criminals, endorsed; "By the senate, December 12, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 19, 1798: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The further additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to freighten and amend the several public roads in several counties, and for other purposes, the bill for the relief of Phillip Edwards, of Baltimore county, severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 13, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 19, 1798: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The bill for the establishment of a school in Caroline county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 7, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 19, 1798: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

The bill relating to public roads in Somerset county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 8, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 19, 1798: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the 10th line of the 12th page, after the word "or" strike out the words "upon sending" and insert the word "if." In the 11th line of the same page, after the word "slave" insert "after being sent." In the 13th line of the 15th page, after the word "overseer" insert the words "directed to the constable of the hundred, and returnable before himself, or some other justice of the peace, who shall proceed to give judgment according to the merits of the case." In the 8th line of the 17th page strike out the word "twenty" and insert the word "thirty." In the 1st line of the 19th page strike out the word "peace" and insert "levy court." In the 5th line of the same page strike out the word "four" and insert "five." In the 19th page at the end of the first section add the words "and the causeway on the north side of Pocomoke river at Stevens's ferry." In the 3d line of the 21st page, after the word "recovered"