

haps more than any other American, opportunities of weighing the probable effects of the spasms, convulsions and agonies, of a great nation, broke loose from all restraint, in the centre of Europe, I thought it might be as difficult for me as for any other to excuse myself from the trial. The affectionate and ardent support which I have received from my fellow-citizens, has appeared much earlier, and more unanimous, than my most sanguine hopes had ever anticipated. In the generous and general declarations of satisfaction and approbation of my fellow-citizens, in all parts of the union, I have received a reward which I esteem above all other personal consideration in this life. Nothing of the kind has excited my gratitude more sincerely than this unanimous address from the general assembly of Maryland. Most cordially I wish you all health and happiness.

JOHN ADAMS.

Philadelphia, December 23, 1798.

Which were read.

ORDERED, That the printer to the state strike one hundred copies of the said answer for the use of the general assembly.

The resolution in favour of Thomas Crowley, endorsed; "By the senate, December 10, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 29, 1798: Read the second time and assented to.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The bill for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, endorsed; "By the senate, December 19, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, January 1, 1799: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the 14th line of the 1st page, after the word "Russell" insert "Benjamin Marshall." In the 1st line of the 2d page, after the word "Preston" insert "John Lee Gibson." In the 5th line of the same page, after the word "Belt" insert "William Lovering, William Prentiss." In the 8th line of the same page, after the word "Needham" insert "Lloyd Beall, John Beck, Thomas Gerard Snye." At the end of the 2d page, after the word "county" insert the words "by their petitions to this general assembly have set forth, that by reason of many misfortunes they are unable wholly to satisfy their creditors, and have prayed that they may be discharged upon their delivering up all their property for the use of their creditors; and the prayer of the said petitioners being found reasonable, therefore." In the 10th line of the 3d page strike out the words "and also" and insert "or." In the 4th line of the 10th page, after the word "fide" insert the word "laid." In the 8th line of the 11th page, after the word "give" strike out "a" and insert the words "an undue and improper." In the 12th line of the same page, after the word "debtor" insert the word "and." In the 1st line of the 12th page strike out the second word "the" and insert "an." In the 1st and 2d lines of the 18th page strike out the words "security require" and insert "require security." At the end of the 6th line of the same page insert the words "provided nevertheless, that as to all and every person or persons included in this act, who have been engaged in trade or merchandize, it shall not be necessary for them; or either of them, to procure the assent of their creditors, or any part of them, as aforesaid, but if so many of his or their creditors as have due them the amount of one fourth of the debts due by him or them at the time of passing this act, shall not lodge with the chancellor their dissent in writing to such debtor or debtors being admitted to the benefit of this act, on or before the expiration of six months after the said notice shall be given or published as aforesaid, such debtor or debtors shall be entitled to all and every benefit of this act, in as full and ample manner as if such debtor or debtors had procured the assent of two thirds of his or their creditors as aforesaid; provided also, that in such notice it shall be stated, that the debtor or debtors make their application as traders or merchants." In the 13th line of the 19th page, after the word "issued" insert "or any one judge of the general court, or the chief justice of the district court, or the two associate justices of the county court of the county where the said debtor may be arrested or imprisoned, on application made to them." Strike out from the word "and" in the 6th line of the 21st page to the word "witness" in the 3d line of the 22d page inclusive. At the end of the bill add the following: "And, whereas Elkin Solomon, of the city of Baltimore, by his petition has set forth, that he is unable to pay debts which he owed before the seventeenth day of May, seventeen hundred and ninety-four, and that he has been imprisoned, and is still liable to be imprisoned, for the same: And whereas many of his creditors have recommended him to the clemency of the legislature; therefore, Be it enacted, That the said Elkin Solomon shall have the benefit of this act, in full discharge of all debts, covenants, promises and agreements, due from or owing by him before the said seventeenth day of May, seventeen hundred and ninety-four, upon the same conditions and restrictions, and under and subject to the same penalties for any breach of any matter or thing imposed or directed by this act."

Which were read.

A bill, entitled, An act to lay out and establish a road from the city of Annapolis to the city of Washington, and to repeal the act therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, December 29, 1798: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

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