

"By the senate, November 22, 1799: Read the second time and will pass.
"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Mary Chandler, of the borough of Norfolk, in the state of Virginia, report, that they have examined into the statement of facts set forth in said petition, and find, that an act for calling out of circulation certain bills emitted by act of assembly, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and sixty-six, was passed at November session, seventeen hundred and seventy-nine; that by the said act it was provided, that the said bills should be brought to the treasurer of the western shore by the first day of June, next succeeding the date of the said act, and that in exchange for such bills aforesaid as should be brought in by that time, the holder might have bills drawn on the trustees of the bank stock in London by said treasurer, who was invested with full power for that purpose; by the said act it was further provided, that in case the said bills should not be honoured, neither the drawer nor any endorser should be liable for any damages accruing on said bills; except the costs of protest, but that the said bills might be renewed, and that the state should stand pledged for the payment of the same, in the manner that the said state should hereafter provide for the payment of all public debts; further your committee state, that by an act passed at April session, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, entitled, An act concerning the stock of the bank of England belonging to this state, and by the fifth section thereof, it is provided, that the agent of said stock therein named be authorized and required, and he was thereby authorized and required, to sell the said stock, on an assignment or transfer thereof being duly made to him, and to pay from the sale thereof the said bills of exchange which had been drawn by the treasurer aforesaid, in virtue of the act aforesaid, entitled, An act for calling out of circulation certain bills of credit emitted by act of assembly, passed as aforesaid at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine; but your committee do not find that any further or other provision has been made by this state for payment of the said bills of exchange; lastly your committee state, that the said bills of exchange mentioned in the prayer of the petitioner were among the number of those drawn by the treasurer aforesaid, upon the trustee aforesaid, in virtue of the said act of assembly, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and seventy-nine; that the said bills were regularly endorsed to a certain George Chandler, mentioned in the said petition, to whom the said petitioner is administratrix, in due form of law constituted and appointed, and that the said bills of exchange, drawn and endorsed as aforesaid, were regularly presented to the said trustee of said bank stock, and by said trustee refused to be paid. Now, whether the state of Maryland is under an obligation to pay the said bills of exchange immediately or not until the said bank stock shall be regularly transferred unto her or her agent as aforesaid, are questions which your committee refer to the decision of the house.

By order,

J. S. BETTON, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to regulate elections. ORDERED, That Mr. Duckett, Mr. Taney, Mr. J. Thomas, Mr. Digges and Mr. Addison, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The speaker laid before the house a report of the trustees of Washington academy, in Somerset county.

ORDERED, That Mr. Parnham, Mr. Hyland, Mr. Cottman, Mr. Edmondson and Mr. Rumsey, be a committee to consider and report thereon.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 23, 1799.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

THE executive having made sundry communications to the legislature during this session, which embrace subjects deeply interesting to the state, we propose a committee of conference with your house, to deliberate on the same. The subjects which we particularly allude to are the claim of Henry Harford against this state, the situation of our bank stock in England, and the communications from the governor of Pennsylvania, relative to the Susquehanna river navigation, and the communication between the waters of the Chesapeake and Delaware. In order to investigate these important subjects, we have appointed Mr. Key, Mr. Taney, Mr. Duckett, Mr. J. Thomas, Mr. Tilghman and Mr. Barroll, to meet any gentlemen of your house that you may nominate if you approve of the conference.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Crift, of Frederick county, report, that he intermarried with a certain Susannah Baltzell, of said county, on the 13th day of July, 1799; that some time in the month of August last the said Susannah was delivered of a mulatto male child, a crime which at all times has been deemed sufficient to annul the marriage contract, and which has influenced the minds of the committee to report, that the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable, and that leave should be given to bring in a bill to divorce the petitioner and his wife a vinculo matrimonii.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

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