

then next ensuing; and it was further resolved, that if the holders of such bills of credit did not bring the same into the treasury of the western shore for payment on or before the first day of October, 1798, that all interest from that time should cease thereon, and the principal should not be paid until after the end of the next session of assembly; the committee further find, that by a resolution passed at November session, 1799, the payment of the same was suspended until the first day of January, 1801. Your committee are of opinion, that as the treasurer is now authorized to pay any claims on account of the emissions of June, 1780, out of any unappropriated money which is or may be in the treasury, it is unnecessary for the legislature to interfere at this time respecting the same.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

The bill to lay out a road from William's Port to the Pennsylvania line, was read the second time and passed. On motion, ORDERED, That the report on the petition of Josiah Lee be withdrawn.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the relief of Elizabeth Townsend, and the heirs of Levi Townsend, of Worcester county. ORDERED, That Mr. Purnell, Mr. Dashiell and Mr. Carr, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Peregrine Briscoe, of Cæcil county, praying he may be released from nine per cent. interest due on a debt to the state, and that execution may not issue for the said debt, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Miller, Mr. Lowes and Mr. Van-Horn, to consider and report thereon.

The amendments to the bill to prevent the obstruction of the navigation of the western branch of Patuxent river, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. W. Dorsey, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the securities of Dennis Griffith, submit the following report: That the map executed by the said Griffith is a work of great public utility; that such seldom are or can be executed but under the liberal patronage of those governments for whose benefit they are intended; that there is reason to believe, (as the securities allege,) that the author sunk a very considerable sum of money, exclusive of his time expended on this work, and that had he applied to the legislature in the first instance for a donation to assist him, instead of a loan, and could have secured the faithful execution of the work, it would not have been refused; that the loss sustained by the said Griffith, and his ultimate ruin, induced the legislature, (without the assent of the said securities,) first to grant him indulgence in the payment, and finally to liberate him from this and other debts by an act of insolvency; that without questioning the right of the legislature to interpose with such acts, where the public are not parties, but are wholly disinterested, yet in cases where the state itself is a party, different principles certainly apply, as none can be judge in their own case; considering therefore the great utility of the work, and its strong claim to public patronage, and the interference of the legislature without the assent of the securities, they submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the securities of Dennis Griffith be and they are hereby released from their said security which entered into to this state on behalf of the said Griffith, and that the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to deliver up their bonds for the same, on payment of all costs that may be or have been incurred in prosecuting the suit or suits against them.

By order,

Z. DUVALL, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Lambert Hyland, of Somerset county, stating, that he had six hogsheads of tobacco stolen out of a warehouse in said county, and praying the same may be levied on said county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Holbrook, Mr. Purnell and Mr. Goldsborough, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Van-Horn, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act respecting the proceedings on a commission issued out of Prince-George's county court concerning a tract of land called Part of Good Luck; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the examiner-general of the western shore, with an account of fees received from 2d January, 1801, to the 7th December, 1801; which was read.

The bill to declare the effect of judgments upon lands and tenements, and to direct sheriffs in the service of executions, and for other purposes, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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

Messrs	R. Neale,	Merriken,	Moore,	Miller,	Ridgely,	Mason,	Smith,
	Hebb,	Estep,	Lemmon,	Moffit,	Burgess,	Tillotson,	Cellar,
	Hanson,	P. Stuart,	Rose,	Carr,	Hawkins,	Douglass,	Simkins,
	Thomas,	M'Pherson,	Lowes,	Van-Horn,	E. Davis,	Scott,	B. Tomlinson.
	A. Stuart,	Stanbury,	Steele,	Quynn,	Orrell,	Dickson,	
				N E G A T I V E.			
Messrs	Angier,	Denny,	Keene,	Lowrey,	Nelson,	Montgomery,	T. Davis,
	W. Dorsey,	Holbrook,	Bowie,	Quinton,	Shriver,	Forwood,	Veatch,
	Carcand,	Hyland,	Wood,	Purnell,	Kemp,	Lytle,	J. Tomlinson.
	Love,	Goldsborough,					

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

A petition