

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER SESSION, 1802.

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And whereas the said James G. Heron, on making the aforesaid statement appear, obtained a release of the contract aforesaid, and the same land was afterwards, by the state's agent, sold to said Sterrett, and others, for the price James G. Heron agreed to give for the same, and that the agent, at the time of the contract, promised the said Sterrett, and others, that if it should appear that they, as settlers, were entitled to the pre-emption, that they should have it on the same terms upon which other lands of said manor were sold, and it appears that none of the said lands sold for more than twenty shillings per acre; they therefore submit the following resolution, to wit:

RESOLVED, That on the said Sterrett, and the other purchasers of said land, paying to the state the full amount of the purchase money, calculating the same at twenty shillings per acre, with legal interest on the same, together with all costs of suits brought on bonds executed by them to the state for said purchase, that said bonds be and the same are hereby cancelled, and all proceedings at law thereon stayed; and that the register of the land-office be and he is hereby authorised and empowered to issue patents to the purchasers of said lands, or to the heirs of any deceased purchasers, respectively, for said land, on payment of the fees of office.

By order,

R. K. WATTS, clk.

Which was read.

Petitions from Robert Courtney, of Baltimore county, and John Lane, of the city of Baltimore, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

On motion, the question was put, That the house reconsider the bill to direct the register of wills for Caroline county to keep his office in Denton, in said county, and there to deposit and keep the records, books and papers, belonging to said office? Resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That the said bill be committed for amendment.

On motion, **ORDERED**, That the bill for the investment of the unappropriated money in the treasury in certain productive funds, have a second reading on Saturday next.

The supplement to the act, entitled, An act to levy on the assessable property of Anne-Arundel county a sum of money for the purpose herein after mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Dickson, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act respecting the religious sect of people called Jews; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The following resolution being propounded to the house, was read.

Whereas, in virtue of certain acts of assembly, passed in the years seventeen hundred and seventy-three and seventeen hundred and seventy-four, divers sums of money were advanced by the then province of Maryland, on loan, to the county of Baltimore, which, at the time of such loan, comprised that district of territory which is now divided into the counties of Baltimore and Harford, and to the county of Frederick, which then comprised all that district of territory which is now divided into the counties of Montgomery, Frederick, Washington and Allegany: And whereas it appears by the books of the treasury department, that considerable balances are yet outstanding and due to the state on the aforesaid loans; therefore **RESOLVED**, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to call upon the levy courts of Baltimore and Frederick counties, to render an account of all sums of money heretofore levied upon their respective counties for the purpose of repaying public monies loaned to the said counties, in virtue of the acts of assembly of November session, seventeen hundred and seventy-three, chapter twenty-six and chapter thirty, and March session, seventeen hundred and seventy-four, chapter one, and also upon the supervisors of roads of the said counties, and the trustees of the poor of Baltimore county, into whose hands any sum or sums of money so loaned were paid, to render accounts of the monies received by them respectively, and the expenditure of the same, and also to make such further inquiry respecting the monies appearing in the treasury books to be due to the state from the aforesaid counties on account of the loans above mentioned, as he may find necessary to a complete investigation of the subject, and to make report thereon to the next session of the general assembly, in order that proper provisions may be made for obtaining the repayment thereof in such manner as may be deemed just and right; and the justices of the said levy courts, and the said supervisors of roads and trustees of the poor, are hereby directed to render such account as aforesaid to the said treasurer, on his application.

A petition from James Beall, of James, of Montgomery county, praying an act may pass authorising the levy court of said county to levy on the assessable property thereof a sum of money due him for building a bridge over the waters of Rock creek, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Swearingen, Mr. T. Davis and Mr. Veatch, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, the question was put, That the house resolve itself into a committee of the whole, for the purpose of taking into consideration the bill to provide for the elections of representatives of this state in the congress of the United States, and of electors on the part of this state for choosing a president and vice-president of the United States? Determined in the negative.

On the second reading of the bill to provide for the elections of representatives of this state in the congress of the United States, and of electors on the part of this state for choosing a president and vice-president of the United States, agreeably to the order of the day, the question was put, That the word "six" be stricken out of the said bill? Determined in the negative.