

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 23, 1803.

Whereas the certificates and plots of several lots of the Indian land in Dorchester county, heretofore sold by the state, have been found, upon examination by the examiner-general of the western shore, to be erroneous, and some of the said erroneous certificates and plots were returned for correction, and were amended by William Barrow, Esquire, late surveyor of Dorchester county, in his life-time, but since the death of the said William Barrow, who made the survey of the Indian lands under the direction of commissioners appointed by the act of assembly passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, the treasurer has doubted whether he has any authority to send out such erroneous certificates and plots for correction to the present surveyor of the county aforesaid; **RESOLVED**, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised and empowered to send out to the surveyor for the time being of Dorchester county, for correction, all certificates or plots of the said Indian lots, which, upon examination by the examiner of the western shore, have been or may be found to be erroneous, and have not heretofore been corrected; and that the said surveyor be authorised to correct such erroneous plots and certificates, and return the same, as amended, to the treasury office of the western shore, to be again examined, and upon such correction being made, the treasurer aforesaid shall be authorised, in case of any deficiency in the quantity of land, to credit the purchaser with the amount thereof, and in case of any excess of quantity, to debit him accordingly; and in those cases where the plots or certificates of any of the said Indian lots have already been examined as aforesaid, and found to be erroneous, and have not yet been corrected, the parties shall be indulged in the payment of the balances due from them respectively until the first day of December next, in order to afford time for such correction to be made.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The bill to authorise the levy court of Baltimore county to adjust a claim of Henry Stevenson against said county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from Hezekiah Smallwood, of Charles county, stating, that he was arrested and confined in the gaol of said county for debt; that he remained confined in said gaol during the time prescribed by law, but owing to the neglect of the sheriff to obtain an order from the justices of the peace before whom he obtained his enlargement, he is again arrested, and praying an act may pass to make valid the proceedings of the said justices of the peace, so that he may have the benefit of the law under which he was heretofore confined, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. M'Pherson, Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Chapman and Mr. Stuart, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from John F. Beall, of Charles county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to revive and aid the proceedings of Calvert county court. **ORDERED**, That Mr. Grahame, Mr. Carcaud and Mr. Calvert, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill for the relief of John Savin, of Cæcil county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill for the relief of Samuel Wright, of Queen-Anne's county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The following resolution being propounded to the house was read.

**RESOLVED**, That the governor and council be and they are hereby requested to contract with some fit and proper person to repair the house where the treasury of the western shore is kept, and that they draw on the treasurer of the western shore for such sums of money as shall be necessary for that purpose.

On the second reading of the amendments to the bill for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, the question was put, That the house agree to the first and second amendments? Resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said amendments, the question was put, That the house agree to the third amendment? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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

Messrs. Angier,	Hall,	Lloyd,	Alexander,	Hawkins,	Forwood,	Dickson,	Zeller,	
Hatcheson,	Dorsey,	Rose,	Roberts,	Shriver,	E. Davis,	Dugan,	Smith,	
Thomas,	Lemmon,	Veazey,	Sudler,	Clarke,	Rich,	Kershner,	Yates.	
Harwood,	Brown,	Miller,	Lowrey,	Montgomery,				
			N E G A T I V E.					
Messieurs Barber,	Grahame,	M'Pherson,	Cottman,	Calvert,	Williams,	Young,	Bayard,	
R. Neale,	Garcaud,	Ridgely,	Hyland,	Shaaff,	Wilson,	Swearingen,	Tomlinson,	
W. Neale,	Stuart,	Meluy,	Goldsborough,	Muir,	Purnell,	T. Davis,	Cresap,	
Hopewell,	Jones,	Dashiell,	Bayly,	Thompson,	Lytle,	Veatch,	Simkins.	
Mercer,	Chapman,	Carroll,	Van-Horn,	Sturgis,				

So it was determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the house reconsider the first amendment? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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

Messrs. Barber,	Mercer,	M'Pherson,	Cottman,	Calvert,	Purnell,	T. Davis,	Tomlinson,
R. Neale,	Carcaud,	Meluy,	Hyland,	Muir,	Lytle,	Veatch,	Cresap,
W. Neale,	Stuart,	Dashiell,	Bayly,	Thompson,	Young,	Linthicum,	Simkins.
Hopewell,	Jones,	Carroll,	Van-Horn,	Wilson,	Swearingen,	Bayard,	