

ral security for the debts due to the state, which said bond it appears was immediately assigned to the state, and the suits thereon went into the care and management of the attorney-general.

Your committee have sufficient reason to believe, that the obligors in said bond were solvent at the time of said assignment thereof, and that the estate of one or more of the said obligors is still solvent, but owing to some neglect or mismanagement, the whole of the said suits have been suffered to pass off the docket, as appears by a statement under the hand of the clerk of the said court. Your committee are of opinion, as the sum due on said bond was more than sufficient to discharge the debt due to the state, including the sum paid by the sales of Crookshank's and Williams's property, and as they were deprived of the power of prosecuting the claim on said bond, the state should therefore exonerate from her claim the small property, amounting to about eight hundred dollars, acquired by the said Basil Williams since the sale of his property, that the same may be applied agreeably to law to the discharge of the said Williams's private debts, and the balance, if any, to be distributed among his orphan children; they therefore submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the state doth hereby exonerate and discharge the estate of Basil Williams, late of Cecil county, deceased, now under the care and management of Samuel Briscoe, administrator de bonis non of said deceased, of and from all manner of claim which the said state hath against the said estate on account of the said Basil Williams having been security for Patrick Hamilton.

By order,

C. GIBSON, clk.

Which was read.

A memorial from Elizabeth Dick and John Munroe, of Saint-Mary's county, praying that an act of insolvency may not be passed in favour of James Chapplear, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Hebb, Mr. Stuart and Mr. Chapman, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled, An act for introducing a copious supply of wholesome water into the city of Baltimore, was read the second time and passed.

The bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act for amending, and reducing into system, the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans and other representatives of deceased persons, was read the second time, and the question put, Shall the bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That the bill, entitled, An act to reduce into one the several acts of assembly respecting elections, and to regulate said elections, be read the second time to-morrow.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the city and county of Baltimore, praying that a law may pass authorising a road to be laid out, beginning at the ford by Messrs. Patterson and Stricker's mill, and running thence northerly on and as near to Jones's Falls as may be found practicable for a good road, until it reaches the bend, running westerly, on or near to the lands of Job Huntt, and from thence to the cross roads by the limekiln of Richard Caton, and that the same may be turnpiked by a private company, under a charter, was preferred, read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, the question was put, Will the house refer to the consideration of the next general assembly the bill, entitled, An act to reform the penal laws of this state? Determined in the negative.

ORDERED, That the said bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

The bill, entitled, An act authorising Hugh Sherwood, of Huntington, to complete his collection, was read the second time and passed.

The speaker laid before the house an address from the visitors and governors of St. John's college, enclosing a report made in compliance with the order passed by this house on the twenty-first day of December last, except with so much of said order which required a statement of the study each scholar is engaged in, and how long he has been so engaged in such particular study; which was read.

ORDERED, That the printer to the state strike one hundred copies of the papers marked No. 1 and No. 2, accompanying said address, for the use of the general assembly.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, January 4, 1805.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. A petition from John Maddox, of Somerset county, praying that the register of the land-office may be authorised to correct an error in a patent which he holds for a tract of land called Maddox's Conclusion, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. T. Bayly, Mr. Hyland and Mr. Cottman, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the town of Nottingham, in Prince-George's county, praying that a law may pass appointing commissioners to lay off and regulate the streets of said town, and to condemn any land that may be thought necessary for that purpose, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Conter, Mr. Clarke and Mr. Lyles, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of George Ford, of St. Mary's county, a minor, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.