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ORDERED, That Mr. Quym, Mr. Dent and Mr. Ridgely, be a committee to tax and report the fees due the officers of this house, and the allowance to witnesses attending in consequence of the petition and remonstrance of sundry inhabitants of Harford county, respecting the removal of the court-house and prison of said county.

The amendments to the bill to revive and continue the proceedings of the orphans court of Calvert county, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Oneale and Mr. Burges have leave of absence.

The report on the petition of Thomas Beall, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill for the better administration of justice in Washington county. ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. Wright and Mr. Paca, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the erection of a town at or near the mouth of Wille's creek, in Washington county.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, January 1, 1787.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Oneale, Mr. Burges and Mr. J. P. Mitchell. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Cromwell, Mr. De Butts, Mr. McMechen, Mr. R. Bowie and Mr. Grahame, appeared in the house.

Mr. John Seney, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Basil Brown, of Queen-Anne's county, beg leave to report, that they have examined the same, and find the allegations therein contained to be true. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that the prayer of the said petition ought to be granted, and that leave should be given to bring in a bill for that purpose. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. D. MERRICK, clk.

Which was read.

John Smith, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to repeal part of the act for the better security of the government, endorsed; "By the senate, December 26, 1786: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 30, 1786: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the preamble strike out from the word "government," in the third line, to the end of the preamble. At the end of the bill insert "provided always, and it is hereby enacted, that no person whatever, who hath not heretofore taken and subscribed the oaths to government, as directed by the act, entitled, An act for the better security of the government, shall be admitted to vote at any election, until he shall take or affirm, as the case may be, and subscribe, the oath of allegiance prescribed by the fifty-fifth article of the constitution of this state, before some justice of the peace in the county where he resides, or one of the judges of the general court."

Which were read.

The order of the day, respecting the removal of the seat of justice in Cæcil county from Charlestown to the Head of Elk, is postponed till to-morrow. ORDERED, That the parties have leave to be heard by council.

Daniel Carroll, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

To the honourable the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND.

THE auditor begs leave to report, that pursuant to a resolve passed the last session of assembly, dated the 7th of January, 1786, he hath purchased final settlement certificates at the rate of six for one upon the principal sum, two thousand seven hundred and eight dollars and twenty-six ninetieths, for the purpose of paying lieutenant-colonel Alexander Lawson Smith the commutation of five years full pay, in lieu of half pay for life, which is paid to him, as stated in account No. 1, and on which he owes a balance to the state of ten shillings and four-pence, charged to him on the books of his office.

That he hath settled the account of doctor Charles F. Wiefenthal, as directed by a resolve of the same general assembly, on which a certificate hath been issued by the treasurer for one thousand three hundred and nineteen pounds fourteen shillings and eleven-pence, charged to the United States.

He further begs leave to report, that with the assistance of the treasurer of the western shore he hath made out a state of the public debt No. 2. He hopes this account will be found as accurate as it is possible to make it, when it is considered, that from the circumstance of the certificates redeemed having been burnt by the late committee of claims, the exact amount of the principal sums brought in cannot be ascertained, as the lists by which some of them were paid in bore on the face of them only the sum of principal and interest added, without giving the numbers of the certificates, or their value in principal money. From this statement it appears, that there is a balance in favour of the state, for its internal engagements, of principal and interest due (exclusive of the bank stock) the sum of £. 15288 13 0, to the first day of November, 1786.