

though a previous application therefor by them hath not been made, yet, from a consideration of the special circumstances of this case, it appears expedient to grant the prayer of the petition of the said president and directors, subject to the conditions hereafter expressed; therefore, Be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall have any force, validity and operation, nor to take effect, until the consent thereto of the stockholders in the said bank shall be given at a general meeting of the said corporation, and transmitted, under their corporate seal, to the governor and council, to be lodged among their proceedings."

Which were read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion, the question was put, That the house reconsider the bill respecting a tract of land lying within this state claimed by Thomas Digges, Esquire, of the kingdom of Great-Britain? Resolved in the affirmative.

Upon reconsideration, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

RESOLVED, That the petition of the president and trustees of Charlotte-Hall school, read yesterday, be referred to the auditor of this state, who is hereby authorized and required to liquidate and adjust the claims of the said president and trustees against Robert Eden, Daniel Dulany, junior, Lloyd Dulany and Jonathan Boucher, and the treasurer, upon such liquidation and adjustment being made, shall issue a certificate to the said president and trustees, or their order, for the whole amount of said claim, bearing an interest of six per cent. from the time of issuing the same, if there remains in the treasury, of the proceeds of the confiscated property of the said Eden, Dufanys and Boucher, as much as will pay the amount of their respective subscriptions to the said school.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill, entitled, An act declaring the power of the governor in certain criminal cases, endorsed; "By the senate, December 23, 1795: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

H. WARFIELD, clk."

Which was read the first and second time by especial order, and the question put, That the said bill do pass with the following amendment? Resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment proposed. Fourth line from the bottom of the 1st page, after the word "country," insert "for the benefit of the state."

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill directing returns to be made to the commissioners of the tax in the several counties of this state, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the relief of fundry insolvent debtors, and the following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 23, 1795.

GENTLEMEN,

IN answer to your message respecting the bill for the relief of insolvent debtors, we have to inform you, that we cannot, consistently with our present opinions, recede from the amendment that prevents the insolvent from giving a preference to a security, neither can we recede from the amendment that requires the concurrence of three fourths in value of the creditors; but rather than negative the law, we are willing to submit the clause herewith sent as an additional amendment, which we trust will be considered by you a sufficient qualification, as it will tend to remove all objections arising from considerations of personal sufferings produced by actual confinement in gaol. The petition of Gerard Gover, of Harford county, for the benefit of an insolvent act, has been preferred here, and we are willing to include him in the present bill, if modified as we now propose.

By order,

H. WARFIELD, clk.

Which was read.

Amendment proposed. At the end of the amendment directed to be inserted at the end of the 9th line and 3d page, insert further "And provided also, that the chancellor may, without the assent of the creditors as aforesaid, from time to time order to be discharged from custody any of the said petitioners who may be in actual confinement in virtue of any process issued, or that may be issued, in pursuance of any debt at this time due and owing by him, which discharge is hereby declared to be a release only of the person of such debtor, but not of his property, unless the assent in writing of three fourths in value of the creditors as aforesaid be obtained."

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to relinquish the right of this state to the lands therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, December 22, 1795: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. WARFIELD, clk.

"By the senate, December 23, 1795: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

H. WARFIELD, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to relinquish the right of this state to the land therein mentioned, and the following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 23, 1795.

GENTLEMEN,

WE return you the bill, entitled, An act to relinquish the right of the state to the land therein mentioned, and cannot consent to reconsider the same, having duly weighed the provisions thereof before we gave it our negative.

By order,

H. WARFIELD, clk.

Which was read.