

substantiating the facts, we have no doubt but affidavits establishing the same may be readily procured. Under these circumstances, we hope that upon reconsideration you will assent to the resolution.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Mr. Miller, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to alter the mode of collecting the county tax in Cæcil county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Comegys, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorise a lottery for repairing and completing the church and chapel in Shrewsbury parish, and for the sale of glebe-lands belonging to the same in Kent county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom were referred the petitions of sundry inhabitants of Dorchester county, praying that a law may pass authorising the levy court of the said county to raise a sum of money to indemnify Henry Waggaman for the purchase of a lot in the town of Cambridge, made by him at the request of the said court for the use of the said county, and also to sell the fee-simple of certain lots in the said town, now leased on ground-rent, and to whom were also referred the petitions counter thereto, report, that they have taken the said several petitions into mature consideration, and are of opinion that a law ought to be passed to carry into effect the objects above stated.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. J. C. Thomas, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the report of the commissioners to examine the situation of the country between the city of Washington and the city of Annapolis, and the position and direction of the nearest, most convenient and practicable road between said places, have examined the report and plot returned to this house, and in their judgment the same appear to be executed with great propriety and accuracy. The committee are informed and believe, that the said road can be completed at very little expence, and will be of considerable public utility, and they report it as their opinion that leave should be given to bring in a bill for the purpose of laying off, clearing and completing, said road; under the direction of said commissioners.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read.

The bill for the benefit of Nicholas Sluby, merchant, of the city of Baltimore, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative:

The following message being prepared, was read and agreed to.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 7, 1797.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE, WE have thought proper to negative the amendments proposed by you to the bill for the relief of Nicholas Sluby, merchant, of the city of Baltimore, because a particular provision in the bill itself operated so as to defeat the contemplated relief. The bill we now send you is nearly similar in its provisions to the one negatived. We flatter ourselves that you will not insist rigidly upon the principle which dictated the amendments you proposed, for though we should not in all cases sanction a discrimination between foreign creditors who have agents or attorneys residing in this country, and creditors, citizens of the United States, as the faith and credit of the state, being a commercial one, must be materially implicated by such discrimination; yet, when a citizen is driven to extremities, (which is the case of Mr. Sluby,) by the rigour of foreign agents only, who, unless he will give them an exclusive preference, with-hold from him that relief which he can, in its fullest extent, obtain from the unanimous concurrence of his other creditors, we do conceive that the general principle may, without involving either the faith or credit of the state, be departed from.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 7, 1797.

GENTLEMEN, THE senate took up the resolution upon the subject of Allen Bowie's claim on yesterday, and on mature consideration of all the facts and circumstances, as stated by the petition, (which were taken for granted,) they thought it right and proper to dissent from the resolution. As nothing further appears upon the subject, they have declined to reconsider it.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read.

The order of the day, respecting the resolution for investing the sum of sixty-six thousand dollars in the bank of Baltimore, is postponed till to-morrow.

A petition from Joseph Ford, late a captain in the Maryland line, praying the depreciation of his pay, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Plowden, Mr. Swailes and Mr. Dorsey, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Roger Tregoe, of Dorchester county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A memorial from Cornelius West, of Talbot county, praying compensation for losses sustained in building the court-house in the town of Easton, was preferred; read, and referred to Mr. Quynn, Mr. Kerr and Mr. Montgomery, to consider and report thereon.

The bill authorising the justices of the levy court in Queen-Anne's county to levy a sum of money for the building a prison in the said county, and to regulate the same, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.