

and their interest in said land, shall not be liable to be affected by any proclamation or other warrant until after the end of the next session of assembly; and that the time for making the returns of said certificate be extended three months beyond the time allowed by law; and that upon return of the said certificate in the name of John and Maria Ayres, that William Stoddert Bond, executor of James Ayres, shall be allowed to pass his bonds, with such security as the treasurer of the western shore shall approve, for the payment of the composition money due or arising due on the said certificate of John and Maria Ayres, in three equal and annual instalments, with interest, and that upon such bonds being passed, the register of the land-office be instructed to issue patent on the same lands to the infants aforesaid, according to the intention of the petition, such lands to be subject to the repayment to said Bond, or his heirs, of all monies paid by him more than received by him from their said father's estate.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

RESOLVED, That the chancellor of this state be requested, and he is hereby authorised and requested, to examine the petition of John Gale, Levin Winder and Isaac Atkinson, George Atkinson and George Aires, representatives of Elizabeth Atkinson, presented to the legislature at this present session, and to report the facts existing in the case, and the sums of money or certificates which the parties, or any of them, are entitled to from the state.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

The order of the day respecting the testamentary system is postponed until to-morrow.

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, to take into consideration the bill to alter, abolish and repeal, such parts of the second, third, fourteenth and forty-second sections of the constitution and form of government, as relate to the judges, time, place and manner, of holding the several elections therein specified. The speaker left the chair. Mr. Parnham took the chair of the committee. The speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parnham reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and gone through the same, and had made several amendments thereto, and reported the said bill as amended.

Mr. J. Thomas appeared in the house.

Mr. Wilson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom were referred the petitions of sundry insolvent debtors report, that they have examined the same, and find that Roger Tregoe, of Dorchester county, was prevented from the benefit of the act of last session by a mistake in his name; that Joshua Breerwood and Nathan Breerwood, of Dorchester county, Alexander Couper, of Montgomery county, James Ferrall and Alexander A. Leslie, of Prince-George's county, James Roney and Samuel Betsworth, of Somerset county, Andrew Havener, of Frederick county, Corbin Lee Onion, William Osborn, of Benjamin, Eliza Perkins and Michael McElheney, of Harford county, Cornelius Mills and Samuel Maynard, of Anne-Arundel county, Ezekiel Towson, William Riley, George and Henry Shock, Jacob Hart, Elkin Solomon, Isaac S. Isaacs, John Semmering, Thomas B. McCabe, George Stout, junior, Robert Doyne, John Miller, Robert Taylor, Stephen Zacharie, William Stonall, Tudie James and Joseph Clarke, of Baltimore county, Benjamin M. Ward, Eliza Stewart and James Clayland, of Talbot county, Charles Shanks, of Saint-Mary's county, have given notice of their several intentions to petition to the legislature for acts of insolvency. Your committee therefore are of opinion that relief should be granted them. It further appeared to your committee, that there are petitions counter to those of James Roney and Corbin Lee Onion. All which is submitted.

Which was read. By order, J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act recognising the coin of the United States, and the value of foreign coins as established by the acts of the congress of the United States; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Quynn, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard Chew, of Anne-Arundel county, report, that they have examined into the facts therein stated, and find, that on the 21st of October, 1793, the said Richard Chew, with Lock Chew and William Holland, as his securities, entered into bonds, in the penal sum of £.3711 2 0 current money, conditioned for the payment of £.1855 11 0 current money aforesaid; that the said Richard Chew has made sundry payments, to the amount of £.1060 2 3, and that there is now, as appears by an account exhibited by the agent, a balance due the state of Maryland of £.1130 10 8, which balance is secured to the state by the most unquestionable security. The committee further report, as their opinion, that neither sound policy or the finances of the state, at this time, require rigorous measures to be adopted towards her debtors, and therefore submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That Richard Chew, of Anne-Arundel county, be and he is hereby allowed to make payment to the state of Maryland in the following manner, to wit: One third of the principal sum due shall be paid on the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, with all the interest then due on the said principal sum, one other third on the first day of January, eighteen hundred, with interest on the principal then due, and the remaining third on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and one following, with interest as aforesaid; but if the said Richard Chew shall neglect to pay any one instalment as aforesaid, then he shall be liable to be executed for said instalment, with all the interest due on the same.

All which is submitted.

Which was read. By order, A. GOLDR, clk.

Mr. Robins, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Bernard Gratz, and others, professing the Jewish religion, in the state of Maryland, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and conceive