

which we have reason to believe, from general complaint, and from documents before the house, are already too much loosened.

Your committee, actuated by such reflections, naturally examined into the immediate demands on the government, and its resources to pay. The present funds are only £. 2,299 5 9, and there is no prospect of any receipts before the first of January next, when this sum, added to the amount of dividends then due, (excluding the interests from the city of Washington, amounting to £. 2,812 10 0, on the punctuality of payment of which, at this critical moment of providing for the permanent residence of congress, they would not wish to rely,) will not exceed £. 6,038 8 3, long before which time, it is to be presumed, the state will be under the honorary, and indeed indispensable obligation, to pay more than £. 11,000.

Two resources presented themselves to your committee, to dispose of part of the 3 per cent. stock of the state, or emit certificates; the latter measure they could not consent to, for, exclusive of the inconvenience to others, and disgrace to the state, that might result from a stoppage of payment with such disposeable funds, it naturally occurred, that no member could for a moment admit the idea of issuing certificates, without providing certain funds to redeem them, and in that case those funds might be appropriated to replace the stock, in a manner much more advantageous to the public. They therefore submit the two following resolutions, proposing to offer ulterior measures for providing against and remedying future deficiencies.

RESOLVED, That the agent of the state be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to dispose of 20,000 dollars of 3 per cent. stock of the United States belonging to the state of Maryland, the proceeds whereof to be lodged in the treasury, subject to the disposal of the legislature, and that the amount of the said proceeds be re-vested by the said agent by purchase of 8 per cent. stock of the United States, out of the first unappropriated monies that may be received by the treasurer of the western shore, who is hereby authorized and directed to advance the same; for which services the said agent shall be allowed a commission at the rate of ——— per cent.

RESOLVED, That the agent of the state be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to dispose of the right which this state has reserved to subscribe 200 shares of the capital of the bank of Baltimore, and that the proceeds thereof be lodged in the treasury, subject to the disposal of the legislature; for which services the said agent shall be allowed a commission at the rate of ——— per cent.

By order,

J. S. BETTON, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Martha Howard, of Anne-Arundel county, praying the legislature to accept her bond, with approved security, for the payment of certain state claims, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Nelson, Mr. Harwood and Mr. Johnson, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill to alter and amend the 14th, 15th, 16th, 18th and 19th sections of the constitution and form of government? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messrs	Parker,	Carcaud,	Gilpin,	Lowrey,	Street,	Orrell,	Cellar,
	Hanson,	Worthington,	Miller,	Shriver,	E. Davis,	Clarke,	Smith, of Wash.
	Harwood,	Love,	Forman,	Hawkins,	Bond,	Douglas,	Geoghegan,
	Mercer,	Lloyd,	Quynn,	Nelson,	Montgomery,	M ^c Culloch,	Cromwell.
	Dorsey,	Denny,	Johnson,	Kemp,			32.

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs	Neale,	Stuart,	Lowe,	Steele,	Wilson,	Veatch,	Cresap, of Mich.
	Hebb,	Chapman,	Hyland,	Goldborough,	Purnell,	Beall,	Simkins,
	Millard,	M ^c Pherfon,	Dashiell,	Cramphin,	T. Davis,	J. Cresap,	Gebhart.
	Este,	Edmondson,	Pattison,	Gunby,			25.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That Mr. Mercer, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Parker and Mr. Montgomery, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill further supplementary to the act, entitled, An act for the better administration of justice in the several counties of this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Lowes and Mr. Edmondson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Renshaw, of Harford county, report, that they have taken the same under their consideration, and submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore credit the account upon the treasury books against the said Thomas Renshaw, with the amount of the same, and also issue an order to the register of the land-office, to make out and issue a patent to said Thomas Renshaw, for part of a tract of land purchased by him of the intendant, and called and returned by said intendant as part of Wheeler's Leases, agreeably to the certificate of survey signed by the surveyor of Harford county; provided the said Thomas Renshaw make it appear, to the satisfaction of the said treasurer, that he has paid to the sheriff of Harford county, or his deputies, the amount of the debt, interest and costs, endorsed on a writ of fieri facias issued upon a judgment obtained in the general