

bracing every item of that in the hand-writing of the executor except the before mentioned last one in it, in which there is, on the debit side, an entry in the following words: '1779, January 12th, with £433 6s. 8d. continental money received of *W. & R. Mollison* for £260 sterling, in part of their balance, is specie at 10 for 1, £43 6s. 8d.'

It further appears, that the whole of the debts due to the *Mollisons*, with all their property in Maryland, were liable to the operation of the acts of October, 1780, ch. 5 and 45, and the laws subsequently passed in relation to the same subject; that in the year 1782, two special acts of Assembly were passed authorizing *Thomas Contee* to collect debts due to the *Mollisons* in this state, to satisfy himself and their other creditors and to pay the residue into the treasury; that on the 13th of September, 1784, the holders of the bill of exchange commenced suit upon it against *Philip Thomas* the endorser, and having obtained judgment, it was superseded by him, and on the 20th of May, 1786, the drawer, *Samuel C. Hepburn*, became one of the sureties in the superseder's bond; which judgment was afterwards on the 16th of June, 1789, fully satisfied by *Hepburn*. That *Samuel C. Hepburn* the executor received assignments of debts due to the *Mollisons*, amounting together to \$840 71; one of which assigned debts due from *Jonathan Simmonds*, having been secured by a bond given to the executor on the 26th of August, 1790, must have been assigned before that time; but when does not appear. There is nothing to shew the exact time when any of the assignments were made; from any thing that does appear they might all have been made before the year 1790.

It further appears, that an advertisement was inserted for six weeks in the Annapolis newspapers, in the year 1806, calling on the creditors of the *Mollisons* to meet their agent to hear propositions respecting claims against them, of which the executor *Hepburn* had notice; that the executor *Samuel C. Hepburn*, always resided in Prince Georges county, where he died about the middle or latter end of the year 1806; that on the 22d of June, 1821, a bill was filed by the petitioner *John M. Hepburn* and others, as the representatives of the late *John Hepburn*, entitled to the residue of his estate; making this claim against the state, and stating, that large sums had been paid into the treasury under the act of October, 1780, ch. 5; out of which they prayed, that the claim might be satisfied; then prayed process against the *Mollisons*, the trea-