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building the said gaol, in addition to those already appointed, and with the like powers, and that any three or more of them have power to act.

WHEREAS Talbot Shipley, of Anne-Arundel county, hath, in a petition to this general assembly, set forth as follows, to wit: That whereas, by virtue of an act of assembly, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-one, chapter fifty-three, entitled, An act to lay out certain roads in Anne-Arundel and Montgomery counties, and also by virtue of another act of assembly, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-two, chapter thirty-five, entitled, An act to establish the road from Baltimore-town towards Frederick-town, by Ellicott's upper mills, as far as the Poplar Spring, as a public road, and for other purposes therein mentioned, and also by virtue of another act of assembly, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-two, chapter eighteen, entitled, An act to lay open a road to and from the mill of Benjamin Lawrence and Elias Dorsey, on the western forks of Patapsco falls, the commissioners, by the aforesaid respective acts of assembly appointed for the purpose of laying out the said roads, have marked, bounded and established, all the said public roads over the land of your petitioner, so that your petitioner is now subjected to the inconvenience and expence of maintaining three public roads, in fact, all leading through his land, from Baltimore to Frederick-town, whereby his farm is greatly divided and cut to pieces, with very great and sensible loss to himself, and without the least advantage to the public; and the said Talbot Shipley hath prayed that a law may pass to stop up the old road established by the aforesaid act of seventeen hundred and ninety-two, chapter thirty-five, from the place where the new road, opened and established by the act of seventeen hundred and ninety-two, chapter eighteen, intersects the old road leading from Baltimore-town to the Poplar Spring, and that the said old road, or so much of it as runs through the land of the said Talbot Shipley, and the law establishing the same, may be abolished and repealed: And whereas it is doubtful what advantages or disadvantages would result to the public from making any alteration in the aforesaid roads, or either of them, and it appearing proper that due information ought to be given to the general assembly in order that effectual justice may be rendered in the premises; therefore, RESOLVED, That Reuben Merriweather, John Hood and Richard Dorsey, son of John, be and are hereby appointed commissioners to view the several roads aforesaid, and to judge of the propriety or impropriety of stopping up the said road as prayed for by the said Talbot Shipley, and that the said commissioners, or any two of them, report their opinion on the subject in writing, under their hands and seals, to the general assembly at their next session; provided, that all costs and charges which may be incurred by the said commissioners in executing their commission, shall be paid and defrayed by the said Talbot Shipley.

RESOLVED, That the judges of the high court of appeals be and they are hereby authorized and required, to consider and give their opinion at the ensuing court of appeals, or at the next court thereafter, upon the question of law lately referred to the judges of the general court by the chancellor, when adjusting the accounts between the state and the securities of the late Thomas Williams, under a resolution of November session, seventeen hundred and ninety, and if such opinion shall be in favour of said securities, the chancellor is hereby authorized and requested to make such decree, as under all circumstances he shall think just and equitable; provided, that the original books of Thomas Williams, and the books of the securities, shall be produced to the chancellor; and that the register in chancery be and he is hereby directed to send a copy of the case in appeal to the attorney-general of this state, on or before the first day of March next.

RESOLVED, That Peter Hoffman, Thomas Beatty and Henry Griffith, junior, supervisors appointed by an act, entitled, An act relating to the public roads in Anne-Arundel, Baltimore and Frederick counties, be and they are hereby directed and required to lay before the next general assembly of this state, a full and fair account of all monies by them received by virtue of the aforesaid act, also a full and fair account of all money by them respectively laid out and expended by virtue of said act, and by whom and for what use the same shall have been paid and expended.

WHEREAS the duties of the council to the governor will be considerably increased by the act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, and it being reasonable that some compensation should be made for the duties required under the said act; therefore, RESOLVED, That each member of the council be allowed the ensuing year the sum of fifty pounds current money in addition to the salary ascertained by law, and that the same be paid in the manner the law now directs.

WHEREAS the duties of the clerk of the council to the governor will be considerably increased by the appointments under the act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, and it is just and reasonable that some compensation should be given him for his additional trouble, RESOLVED, That the clerk of the council shall and he is hereby authorized to charge one shilling and ten-pence halfpenny for each commission, and the said fee to be paid by the person accepting the same.

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly, that the commissioners for building a court-house at Easton, for the accommodation of the general court on the eastern shore, did not contract with Cornelius West for painting the said house, and it being necessary for the preservation of the same, that it should be painted, RESOLVED, That the commissioners for building a court-house at Easton, in Talbot county, for the accommodation of the general court on the eastern shore, be and they are hereby authorized to draw on the treasurer of the western shore for the sum of eighty pounds, for the purpose of painting the said court-house, and the said treasurer is hereby empowered and directed to pay to the said commissioners, or to the major part of them, or to their orders, the aforesaid sum, out of any money in the treasury, after the payment of the civil list and the journal of accounts of this present session.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this general assembly be and they are hereby given to Christopher Richmond, agent appointed to settle the accounts of this state with the United States, and to his assistant John Wright, for the ability, diligence, and faithful attention to the interests of this state, with which they have discharged the trusts reposed in them.

WHEREAS