

R E S O L U T I O N S.

WHEREAS agreeably to an act of assembly, entitled, An act for calling out of circulation the quota of this state of the bills of credit issued by congress, and the bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly under the old government, and by the resolves of convention, made and passed at October session, seventeen hundred and eighty, considerable sums of money have been paid into the treasury for the purpose of discharging debts due to British merchants or creditors, which sums so paid in the treasury was directed by the act aforesaid to retain in his office, liable to the attachment of creditors, and subject to the future direction of the general assembly: And whereas it has been determined that such payments into the treasury are not to be deemed payments to the creditors, but suits have been actually instituted, and recoveries had, against debtors, notwithstanding the payments into the treasury aforesaid: And whereas there are frequent applications for a return of the money so paid in; therefore, **RESOLVED**, That the treasurer of the western shore be and is hereby directed and empowered, upon the application of the person or persons who lodged any sum or sums of money as aforesaid for the purpose aforesaid, or upon the application of his or their legal representatives, to return to him or them the sum or sums so deposited and now retained by virtue of the act aforesaid.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer, before he returns the money deposited, be satisfied, by competent proof, that the person applying has paid, or secured to be paid, to the British creditors, the debt for the payment of which the money was lodged with the treasurer:

RESOLVED, That execution upon the judgment obtained at the suit of the state of Maryland against Robert Waters and William Diamond, two of the securities of Thomas O'Bryon, late sheriff of Queen-Anne's county, be stayed until the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine; and that upon the said Robert Waters and William Diamond paying the treasurer of the eastern shore, on or before the said day, one half of the principal sum of said judgment, with an interest of six per cent. upon the amount of said principal sum from the first day of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and the costs of suit, a further stay of execution for the balance of said judgment be allowed until the first day of January, eighteen hundred; and that upon the said Robert Waters and William Diamond paying the said one half part, with interest as aforesaid and costs, on the said first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, as also the one other half part of said principal sum on or before the aforesaid first day of January, one thousand eight hundred, with six per cent. interest thereon from the said first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, the said judgment shall be deemed satisfied; but if the said Robert Waters and William Diamond shall neglect to pay the said sums, with interest and costs as aforesaid, then execution may issue, without seire facias, for the sum that may be due upon said judgment.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore apply so much of the composition money paid on a certificate called Webb's Improvement, surveyed on the twenty-eighth day of April, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, as composition money on a certificate called Second Thought, returned by John Forwood, of William, in the same manner, and at the same rate, as the composition money was paid on the original certificate aforesaid; and that a warrant of survey issue to the said John Forwood, of William, for the balance of the composition money aforesaid, at the same rate as the original warrant was granted aforesaid.

WHEREAS it appears to the general assembly, by a certificate and plot returned by the surveyor of Dorchester county, that a tract of land called Bartholomew's Close, belonging to the heirs of colonel Ryder, interferences with and takes away seventy acres and three quarters of an acre of a lot distinguished number Three, being part of the Indian Lands, on Nanticoke manor, heretofore sold to John Eccleston by the late intendant of the revenue, and that the proportional value thereof ought to be deducted from the claim of this state against the said John Eccleston for the purchase money thereof; therefore, **RESOLVED**, That the agent of the state be and he is hereby authorized and empowered, with all convenient speed after this session of assembly, to repair to the premises so purchased by the said John Eccleston, first giving him ten days notice in writing of the time appointed by him for this purpose, and to view and examine the lands so taken away, and to receive and consider such evidence respecting the quality and situation thereof as may enable him, in aid of his own judgment thereupon, to ascertain the true relative value of the lands so affected, having regard to the original terms of the contract made by the said John Eccleston for the purchase thereof; and the said agent is hereby authorized and empowered to report the valuation which he shall so make thereof to the auditor-general, under his hand and seal, without delay.

And it is further **RESOLVED**, That the said auditor, upon receiving the report of the said agent, and after procuring the account of the state against the said John Eccleston from the books of the treasury, shall forthwith proceed to settle and liquidate the true balance resulting from the examination of the papers, and deducting the valuation so to be reported; and the said auditor shall certify the settlement and liquidation aforesaid to the treasurer of the western shore, who is hereby authorized and directed to pay the said John Eccleston, his executors, administrators or assigns, such balance of money, if any, as may be found due to the said John Eccleston upon such settlement and liquidation, so made by the said auditor; and all proceedings upon the judgment obtained against the said John Eccleston for the cause aforesaid shall be and the same are hereby suspended until the further order of the legislature.

WHEREAS John Frederick Magnus Amelung, of Frederick county, did, on the eleventh day of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, obtain a special warrant to affect part of a tract or parcel of land lying in the county aforesaid; called the Resurvey on Right and Good Reason, as land escheat to the state: And whereas the said John Frederick Magnus Amelung hath petitioned this general assembly to release the right of the state in said land to the said John Frederick Magnus Amelung: And whereas doubts are entertained as to the propriety of such release, **RESOLVED**, That the time between the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, be not taken or computed as any part of the time within which by law the said warrant ought to be executed and payment thereon made.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore advance to the governor and council fifteen hundred dollars, for the purpose of repairing and furnishing the government-house.