

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Thomas Canfield, that he entered into the service of the United States by enlisting as a private soldier in the fourth Maryland regiment, then commanded by colonel Steward, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one, and continued to serve in the Maryland line for more than two years, and until the end of the war; that he was employed as a labourer to the workmen on the stadthouse; that early in the morning of the twelfth November last, he ascended the scaffold of the stadthouse to the roof thereof with a load of shingles, when his foot unfortunately slipped, from the fright of which, and not having it in his power to lay hold of any thing for his safety, he fell from the roof of the stadthouse to the ground, at least eighty feet, whereby he was so much bruised, and received so many contusions, that he was carried home senseless, where he continued several weeks, not expected to live; that he is in a languishing condition, and totally deprived of earning any kind of support for himself, his wife and two helpless children, who were dependent on him for their bread from his daily labour; RESOLVED, That the justices of Anne-Arundel county orphans court, are hereby authorized and empowered to make the same allowance to Thomas Canfield as maimed and disabled soldiers are allowed, while he continues unable to support himself by labour.

WHEREAS it appears, by the petition of Thomason Alexander, relict of Ely Alexander, late of Cecil county, deceased, that the said Thomason and her numerous family are likely to be left destitute of property in consequence of her late husband becoming security to the state in the sum of one hundred and sixty-six pounds thirteen shillings and four-pence principal, for land bought at the Head of Elk from the commissioners for the sale of confiscated property, by a certain Caleb Alexander, who is now under execution for the same, and who has no visible property, except the land aforesaid, which will not at this time sell for near the purchase money; from a consideration of the smallness of the sum, and motives of clemency towards the widow and orphans, RESOLVED, That the attorney-general be, and he is hereby directed, not to issue any process against the property left by Ely Alexander aforesaid, until the end of the next session of assembly.

RESOLVED, That Matthew Ridley, Esquire, be appointed to attend as agent, on behalf of this state, before the commissioners nominated to hear and determine the matter in dispute between this state and Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Van Staphorsts, of the city of Amsterdam; and that he shall be allowed his reasonable expences for such attendance.

ORDERED, That Mr. Frederick Green, printer to this state, bind, as soon as circumstances may admit, in rough calf, lettered on the back, and executed in the best manner, and on the most reasonable terms, one hundred copies of the laws, subject to the disposal of the general assembly, agreeably to the resolve of January 22, 1785.

A LIST of the LAWS passed last SESSION.

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AN ACT to repeal an act, entitled, An act for the relief of John Briscoe. (*A private act.*)

I.

A Second supplement to the act for establishing a company for opening and extending the navigation of the river Patowmack.

II.

An ACT for the benefit of Elizabeth Willson of Saint Mary's county. (*A private act.*)

III.

An ACT to empower the justices of Charles county to levy on the inhabitants of said county a sum of money for the relief of Francis Speake.

IV.

An ACT to vest in Isaac Spencer, of Kent county, and Benjamin Roberts, of Queen-Anne's county, an estate in certain lands therein mentioned, as tenants in common in fee-simple, and for other purposes therein mentioned. (*A private act.*)

V.

An ACT for the relief of John Carmichael and Train Ackworth, of Somerset county, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

VI.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor in the counties of Dorchester and Somerset.

VII.

An Act for extending and continuing South-street, in Frederick-town in Frederick county, to the Conococheague road.

VIII.