

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.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Parnham, Mr. Wilton and Mr. Summers, be added to the committee on the petition of Elizabeth Keen Cartwright.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay unto Frederick Green, printer to the state, the sum of five hundred dollars, to enable him to purchase a new set of types.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

Whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that negro Jacob, the slave of a certain Thomas Latimer, of Charles county, was convicted of felony in the court of Charles county on the third day of July, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, and that sentence of death was passed upon him by the justices of said court, who valued the said negro at one hundred and twenty-five pounds current money: And whereas the governor has commuted the sentence of said court, and ordered that the said negro shall work on the roads of Baltimore county for the term of twenty years, and it is doubtful whether the law has made any provision for the payment of said valuation; therefore, RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to the said Thomas Latimer the sum of one hundred and twenty-five pounds current money, the amount of said valuation.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

Whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that negro George, the slave of a certain Anne Latimer, of Charles county, was convicted of felony in the court of Charles county on the third day of July, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, and that sentence of death was passed upon him by the justices of said court, who valued the said negro at one hundred and twenty-five pounds current money: And whereas the governor has commuted the sentence of said court, and ordered that the said negro shall work on the roads of Baltimore county for the term of twenty years, and it is doubtful whether the law has made any provision for the payment of said valuation; therefore, RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to the said Anne Latimer the sum of one hundred and twenty-five pounds current money, the amount of said valuation.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

Whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that negro Michael, the slave of a certain Sarah Jones, and negro Fortune, the property of John Pusey, of Somerset county, were convicted of murder in the court of Somerset county on the first Monday in July, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, and that sentence of death was passed upon them by the justices of said court, who valued the said negroes at seventy-five pounds current money each: And whereas the governor has commuted the sentence of said court, and ordered that the said negroes shall work on the roads of Baltimore county for the term of fifty years, and it is doubtful whether the law has made any provision for the payment of said valuation; therefore, RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to the said Sarah Jones and John Pusey, or order, the sum of seventy-five pounds current money each, the amount of said valuation.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Matthews, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to prevent excessive gaming; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The report on the petition of David Ross and Richard Cramphin was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained rejected.

RESOLVED, That the chancellor of this state be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to examine into the claim exhibited by David Ross and Richard Cramphin, executors of the last will and testament of William Sydebothom, for one moiety of the proceeds of a tract of land called Doncaster, confiscated and sold as the property of Samuel Maffey, in which they allege said Sydebothom had an equitable interest, and to report to the next session of assembly if the said Sydebothom had any equitable claim to or title and estate therein, and to what extent.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill relating to the records in the register of wills and clerk's offices in Queen-Anne's county, was read the second time, and passed as amended.

Amendments proposed. In the third line from the bottom of the second page, after the word "shall" insert "between the first and fifteenth days of April in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, and between the same days annually until the whole recording be completed." In the fifth line of the 3d page, after the word "shall" insert "at their next meeting for the purpose of laying the county levy, after receiving such accounts." After the word "offices" in the thirteenth line of the 3d page, insert "and provided also, that no judgments shall be recorded in virtue of this act." At the end of the bill insert, "And be it enacted, That this act shall continue in force until the fifteenth day of April in the year eighteen hundred and one, and no longer."

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following resolution:

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 13, 1798.

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 forfeit 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