

NOVEMBER SESSION, 1791.

UPON the second reading of the report on the petition of William M'Laughlin, **RESOLVED**, That the state agent be and is hereby empowered to give credit for sums of money charged against collectors of the tax that arose on property belonging to subjects of the French king, which was suspended by law from collection, provided the said collectors make it appear to his satisfaction that they have not received from the subjects of France the sums as aforesaid, or if they have received the same, that they have afterwards refunded to the said subjects the money so received.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and directed to examine and ascertain all payments of interest made in specie between the fourth day of July, seventeen hundred and seventy-six, and the first day of December, seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, on bonds taken on the loan of the emissions of paper money of seventeen hundred and sixty-nine and seventeen hundred and seventy-three, and to liquidate and refund the amount of such payments to the persons on said bonds, or their legal representatives, claiming the same by the first day of December, seventeen hundred and ninety-two, by granting a certificate for the amount of the said payments, which shall be payable and discountable for any public taxes due since the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-three; provided, that the benefit of this resolution shall not be extended to persons who paid any part of the principal of their debt in continental money after the first day of January, seventeen hundred and seventy-seven.

WHEREAS Joseph Parker, of Cæcil county, by his petition to this general assembly, hath set forth, that Edward Parker, of said county, in his life-time, purchased of the state a tract or parcel of land in East Nottingham, in said county, being one of the tracts known by the name of the Nottingham Lot Lands, held under equitable titles from the proprietors of Pennsylvania, before the boundary line between Pennsylvania and Maryland was established; that the said Edward Parker had the same laid off and surveyed to him, but died without obtaining a patent; that since the death of the said Edward Parker the said land was taken by the sheriff of Cæcil county in virtue of a fieri facias issued on a judgment outstanding against the estate of the said Edward Parker, and was sold and conveyed by the said sheriff to a certain Charles Brookins, and by him sold and conveyed to the petitioner; and prayed that he may be entitled to a patent for the said land on the same terms with other purchasers of Nottingham Lot Lands; **RESOLVED**, That the said Joseph Parker shall be entitled to a patent for the said land upon paying therefor, according to the rate and on the terms prescribed by the second section of the act, entitled, An act for the relief of certain purchasers of confiscated property, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-eight, except only, that the said Joseph Parker shall make payment in specie, and not in certificates as by the said act directed.

WHEREAS it appears to the general assembly, that Joseph Dawson, late a soldier in the fifth Maryland regiment in the service of the United States, is disabled from wounds received at the battle of the Eutaw Springs, and is at certain times rendered incapable of getting a livelihood; therefore, **RESOLVED**, That his excellency the governor of Maryland, for the time being, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to grant unto the said Joseph Dawson, in future, half of the monthly pay which he the said Dawson received in the continental service, by orders drawn quarterly on the treasurer of the western shore for the same, and that the same be charged to the United States.

WHEREAS it appears, from the muster-rolls and other documents, that there remains a considerable sum due to the officers and soldiers, and the staff, belonging to the quota of troops of this state in the service of the United States, many of whom have made application to this general assembly for payment, the time for granting the depreciation of pay, by the auditor-general, having elapsed; and it appearing reasonable and right that men, who have served the public, should be rewarded for such services; therefore, **RESOLVED**, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorized and requested to examine the muster-rolls of the Maryland line, and other documents that may be offered to them, and make out, in the name of each person who would have been entitled to the same under the acts of congress or the laws of this state, had application been made in time, the amount of pay, or depreciation of pay, that may appear to be due him for his services in the late continental army, and direct the auditor-general to issue a certificate or certificates in the same manner that the officers and soldiers have heretofore been paid, and lodge the same in the hands of the western shore treasurer, to be by him paid, upon being fully ascertained of the identity of the person applying, to the several persons claiming, or their legal representatives.

RESOLVED, That the amount of certificates so issued be charged to the United States, and that Christopher Richmond be directed to include the same in the settlement of the accounts between this state and the United States.

WHEREAS it appears to the general assembly, that Richard Dorsey, late a captain in the artillery from Maryland in the service of the United States, is disabled from wounds received at the battle of Camden, in South-Carolina, which prevent him from following any occupation by which a sustenance may be obtained; therefore, **RESOLVED**, That his excellency the governor of Maryland, for the time being, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to grant unto Richard Dorsey, in future, half of the monthly pay which he the said Dorsey received in the continental service, by orders drawn quarterly on the treasurer of the western shore for the same, and that the same be charged to the United States.

RESOLVED, That no execution issue against any debtor of this state until the end of the present session of assembly; and if any execution or executions have already issued, they shall be and are hereby suspended until the end of the present session of assembly.

RESOLVED, That the trustee under the act of last session respecting the creditors and debtors of this state, be and he is hereby directed not to transfer, until after the first day of January next, any of the six per cent. stock belonging to this state, in lieu of the three per cent. and deferred stock of the state creditors who have subscribed their debts under the act of congress; provided, that this resolution shall not extend to any case where the person entitled to the transfer of such six per cent. stock shall