

Your committee cannot but admit the truth of the allegations stated in the petition, and they very cheerfully and with great satisfaction, bear testimony to the ardent zeal, and unremitting attention, with which medical gentlemen, always devote their time and services, to the alleviation of the misery, and the restoration to health, of their suffering patients; and if any privilege could possibly be extended to any class of persons, in the manner proposed in the petition, your committee would most cheerfully recommend the pretensions of the Medical Faculty to the favourable consideration of this house—but they are of opinion that no such distinction should be made. They are aware that, not unfrequently, the estates of deceased persons are much embarrassed; so much so that physicians receive little or no compensation for their indispensable services, and while they sympathize with them in their grievances, they are not prepared to recommend any legislative action for their relief.

In such cases this class of citizens share the common lot of other creditors, who have not been able to procure a preference by lien: all are alike sufferers, and in many cases other creditors would feel this discrimination more acutely than ever the physician does by his present equality with them.

The committee do not perceive the justice or propriety of extending the preference which creditors may now obtain. It is against the policy of the law, to recognize any preference among our citizens, or grant to one a privilege or immunity which others cannot enjoy; they therefore pray to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their memorial,

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. MAULSBY,  
from the Committee.

Which was read the first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Mr. Boyd, chairman of the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, delivered the following report—

The committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, to whom was referred the petition of Eliza Nelson, of Frederick county, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report—

That, in the opinion of the committee, the resolution of the 25th of March, 1779, was a contract with, and extend-