

From 1783 until his death, in 1798, Col. Fitzhugh, year after year, memorialized the Legislature of Maryland for relief in consequence of his losses. The memorials which have been exhibited to your committee set forth these losses in a particular manner, and contemporary reports upon them from committees of the House of Delegates admit the losses and the justice of his claim to compensation from the State, but allege the present inability of the State at that time to pay them. One resolution No. 10, of November session, 1791, was passed directing the Treasurer to issue to him a certificate for the half-pay of a captain in the British establishment, to be computed by the Auditor from the 3d day of September, 1783, to the 1st November, 1791, bearing legal interest. But it is contended by the present administrator, Henry M. Fitzhugh, that his ancestor, Col. Fitzhugh, never received this certificate, and that it has never been paid by the State of Maryland, and it is for the payment of this amount so granted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that he is now petitioning the justice of the State.

Henry M. Fitzhugh, the administrator, first called the attention of the Legislature to this claim in the session of 1856, and the committee to whom his petition at that time was referred, reported favorably on the claim, but inasmuch as the amount of the claim depending upon the half-pay of a British captain could not be ascertained, they reported a resolution, which was passed, directing the Comptroller to state the account and to file it in the archives of his office.

In obedience to this resolution the Comptroller, by evidence derived from the Horse Guards, at London, reported to the Legislature on the 9th of February, 1858, that the principal of the claim is \$3,261 18, and the interest to 1st November, 1857, \$12,914 27, making the whole amount then due, \$16,175 45.

The administrator, Henry M. Fitzhugh, presented his second petition to the Legislature of 1858, reciting all the proceedings aforesaid, and praying that the report of the Comptroller might be corrected, so as to make the amount due to him under the resolution of 1791, \$17,958 67, and asking for an appropriation to that amount. The Legislature of that session, however, by act 1858, chap. 261, referred the matter to the Governor, Comptroller and Treasurer to investigate and report to the present session, whether any evidence exists that this claim has even been paid. In obedience to that law, the said officers on the — day of —, 1860, submitted the following report, that they examined the books of the Treasury and find under head of "Debts adjusted," that the Treasurer on the 20th of January, 1792, issued per resolution of the General Assembly, to W. Fitzhugh, a certificate for £1,241.53, but have found no evidence of the payment of said certificate.