

the said deed is defective in point of law, and praying a law may pass to remedy the said defect; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Grahame, Mr. Ireland, and Mr. W. Stevenson, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Edward Downes, collector of the tax for Queen-Anne's county, setting forth, that he is appointed collector by the commissioners of the tax in said county, in the room of William Wright, the late collector, deceased, and praying an act may pass, empowering him to collect by distress and sale the arrears due for public and county assessments; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Kent, Mr. Ridgely of William, and Mr. Sewell, to consider and report thereon.

The report from the committee for establishing funds for the payment of the civil list, was read the second time and concurred with, except the tax "on the proceedings in courts of law and equity," and the following clause: "Which aggregate sum, according to the estimation of your committee, will be fully sufficient to satisfy the above object;" which were rejected.

Edward Lloyd, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

To the honourable the GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

THE intendant begs leave to report, That the property assessed in the state for the year 1783 amounts to the sum of £. 11,371,615 5 1; as may appear by estimate No. 1.

That there appears, from the treasurer of the western shore's books, to be in circulation, of the red money, £. 18,746 12 1; of the black state, £. 33,544 2 2; and of the state continental, £. 36,490 1 2; making in the whole the sum of £. 88,790 15 5, as will appear by No. 2. From this sum is to be deducted (when known) the amount of these emissions of monies in the hands of the eastern shore treasurer.

That for want of returns from the eastern shore treasurer, and from the commissioners of the tax, the sums of money due from the several collectors for the present year cannot be ascertained. The receipts of the western shore will appear by state No. 3.

That there is due from the several collectors of the western shore, preceding the year 1783, 44,147 lb tobacco, and £. 91,000, as will appear by statement No. 3.

That the intendant has sold, since last session, to colonel Robert Hooe, all the state's tobaccos, that were to be found in the warehouses, at different prices, according to the dates of the notes, that is to say, from 20s to 35s per cent. with allowance of 4 per cent. for casks; the exact quantity cannot yet be ascertained. Notes for 1532 hogsheds were delivered; upwards of 100 hogsheds were burnt and destroyed by the enemy; and many hogsheds, colonel Hooe has informed me, could not be found by the inspectors, who alleged the tobacco had been stolen by watermen and others. For further information the intendant begs leave to refer to the contracts, No. 4, and to the intendant's leger, folio 47.

That the returns of specifics received since last session are not yet completed, and therefore the quantities cannot be ascertained. The wheat is chiefly sold in Washington county from 4/6 to 4/9; in Frederick county at 5/2; in other parts at 6s to 6/3, exclusive of freights and commissions.

That the pork sold will not net £. 3 10 per barrel. There remains a quantity on hand which sells very slowly, owing to its not being well cured.

That the certificates liquidated under the act to adjust the debts due from this state, amounts to £. 91,605 12 1, interest to November 1783 £. 4,510 10, making the sum of £. 96,196 2 1.

Loan-office certificates not liquidated, £. 57,522 8 9 continental, interest to November 1783 £. 10,359 9 0, equal to £. 13,000 0 0 specie.

That certificates, agreeable to an act proposing to the citizens of this state creditors of the United States on loan-office certificates, have been issued for £. 61,670 4 6 specie.

That there are certificates for the payment of the several journals of accounts, and for money borrowed in the year 1780, £. 132,526 2 9 continental money, and £. 6,802 9 3 specie.

That there is due to holders of bills of exchange drawn upon the trustees in London, for the emission of 1767, £. 1,825 12 3 sterling.

That there is due to subscribers for red money lodged in the treasury £. 7,994 9 8.

That there is due for tobacco borrowed, including interest to November 1783, 112,491 lb, supposed to be worth £. 1,682 8 2.

That there is supposed to be due to Messieurs Van Staphorst and Co. 170,000 guilders, with one year's interest, about £. 30,000.

For the sums of money due the United States, the intendant begs leave to refer to paper No. 5. That there are bonds in the treasury, taken by the commissioners for emitting the bills of credit in 1769, including interest, £. 5,641 5 6 sterling; ditto taken in 1773, £. 7,711 15 0 sterling; and from the supervisors of public roads, £. 4,157 14 3. Bank stock £. 29,000 0 0, and in the hands of the trustees not invested £. 478 3 0, besides dividends received by them since the 10th of November 1774, supposed to amount to £. 43,000 0 0.

There are due, by the western shore treasury books, for ordinary and marriage licences, and for fines and forfeitures, £. 1,880 19 3 gold currency, £. 172 8 0 old continental, £. 433 1 10 under