

and Mr. W. Stevenson, Mr. Ware, Mr. Quynn, Mr. Wootton, and Mr. Ridgely, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

Mr. Oneale brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to confirm the last will and testament of James Harbin, of Montgomery county, deceased; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The report on the petition of Thomas Beall, was read the second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Talbot county, praying an act may pass, to prevent the raising swine in or near Talbot court-house in said county, was preferred, read, and granted, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

A petition from Thomas Butt, of Prince-George's county, setting forth, that a brother of his was killed in the action of Guilford court-house, that some wretch had personated his said brother and obtained of the auditor two certificates for the depreciation of his pay, and praying an act to call in the said certificates, and to direct the auditor to issue certificates to the deceased's brothers and sisters, his legal representatives, was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Digges, Mr. Somerville, and Mr. Keene, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to authorize and empower Robert Ballard, administrator of the goods and chattels, rights and credits, of Jonathan Plowman, &c. was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. M'Mechen and Mr. Ridgely of William.

ORDERED, That Mr. Wootton and Mr. Shaw be added to the committee respecting public roads.

The bill to appoint a trustee to take care of the person and property of George Shipley, senior, who is insane, was read the second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. M'Mechen and Mr. Ridgely of William.

The memorial of John Dockery Thompson, was referred to Mr. De Butts, Mr. Kent, and Mr. Mackall, to consider and report thereon.

The report from the committee on expiring laws, was read the second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned; and Mr. Quynn, Mr. N. Worthington, and Mr. Ogle, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

Mr. B. Worthington, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

By the COMMITTEE appointed to consider and report upon the petition and memorial of major-general Smallwood, and the officers of the Maryland line.

THE committee having taken the subject referred to them into their consideration, beg leave to report it as their opinion, that provision ought to be made to discharge, as speedily as the circumstances of the state will admit of it, the debt due on certificates issued to the army; but conceiving that the present funds are inadequate to that purpose, if proper and just attention be paid to other public creditors, they think that the discrimination pointed out in the letter of major-general Smallwood ought to be observed; in their opinion the distinction is founded not merely in justice and propriety, but the feelings of humanity strongly demand the adoption thereof. They are so deeply impressed with this sentiment, that they are incapable of conceiving, that opposition will be made to the measure, even by those who have obtained possession of officers and soldiers certificates at a considerable discount, without that preference of claim which long suffering, sickness, and the infirmities occasioned by a constant exposure to danger, and inclement seasons, confer on the officer or soldier who has retained his certificate, in confidence that the state would redeem it at its full and just value.

The committee is informed, that the manor in Cæcil county, pledged for the redemption of certificates issued to the army for depreciation of pay, is under such circumstances, as to render it useless on the present occasion. The many claims that have been made on it, will necessarily occasion a delay, that will disqualify it for the purpose of affording speedy satisfaction to the claims of the officers and soldiers. And they find that that part of My Lady's manor which remains unsold is greatly inadequate to the occasion.

The committee begs leave to suggest, that upon enquiring into the state of the funds appropriated for the redemption of the several emissions of money, they discover a considerable surplus in each appropriation, the total amount of which will appear from the following state:

The surplus of the sales of property for the redemption of the continental state money above the sum in circulation, with	}	£.
The surplus of the sales of property to redeem the black state money above the sum in circulation,		
And the surplus of the sales of property to redeem the last emission, commonly called red money, above the sum in circulation,	}	

Sum total about £. 180,000