

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, April, 1787. 135

To the adopted children of officers,	300	0	0
Contingent expences for extra printing, fire-wood, postage, &c.	550	0	0
<u>for expences of delegates in congress in 1787, may amount</u>			
to	2,000	0	0
Allowance of deputies to Philadelphia may amount to	1,000	0	0
Additional expence on the public buildings,	5,000	0	0
	£. 26,291	4	5

ORDERED, That the printer to the state print immediately one hundred copies of said report.

ORDERED, That the said report have a second reading on Friday next.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of captain Robert Peacock, beg leave to report, that they have inquired into the facts stated in said petition, and find that the said Robert Peacock distinguished himself as a true friend to America by repeated instances of friendly services to the distressed prisoners of America, when in captivity in Scotland, by advancing them money, and kindly entertaining them at his own house.

Your committee find that the said Robert Peacock was seized and possessed of real and personal property, in Talbot county, to the value of three hundred pounds current money, which was purchased by William Perry, Esquire, with a declared intention of its being with a view for the use and benefit of said Robert Peacock; that the said William Perry is willing to deliver up the said property, on the bond of said Perry's, given to secure the payment of the purchase money, being given up.

Your committee are therefore of opinion, that the said property, formerly belonging to captain Peacock, ought to be restored to him, and that the bond of William Perry, Esquire, given to the state for the purchase of said property, be cancelled and declared void.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to the act, entitled, An act to open and establish a public road in Dorchester county. **ORDERED,** That Mr. Shaw, Mr. Purnell and Mr. De Butts, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Simon Nicholls, late collector of the tax for Montgomery county, beg leave to report, that from every information they have been able to obtain, they are of opinion, that the security offered by the said Nicholls is as good as the security given by Alexander Catlett when he undertook the collection of the arrearages of taxes of said county, and by changing the security, that the state will not be injured, and the said Simon Nicholls much benefited. They are therefore of opinion, that the prayer of the petitioner, so far as relates to the sufficiency of the security by him offered to the treasurer, ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

On the second reading, agreeably to the order of the day, the supplement to the act for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court, the question was put, that the following clause, "Provided always, and be it enacted, That if the parties shall, in any case where the debt or damage exceeds five pounds current money, or five hundred pounds of tobacco, dispute any matter of fact, in such case the said justice shall not determine thereon, but the same shall be tried by five freemen of the county, qualified by law to serve as jurors, which said freemen shall be summoned by the constable upon the order of the said justice," be received as an amendment to the said bill? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Joshua Seney, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messrs. Harwood,	Gantt,	R. Bond,	Quynn,	Joshua Seney,	M'Mechen,
N Worthington,	Gale,	Bravard,	John Seney,	Hardcastle,	Burgess.
Taney,					13.

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs Abell,	Wright,	Cockey,	Shaw,	P. Mitchell,	Lockerman,
De Butts,	B. Worthington,	Roberts,	Pattison,	Purnell,	Hollingworth,
Hopewell,	Grahame,	Sherwood,	F. Bowie,	Henry,	Cellars,
Forrest,	Dent,	Stevens,	R. Bowie,	Faw,	Funk,
Perkins,	Turner,	Gibson,	Digges,	Mantz,	Oneale,
Miller,	M'Pherson,	Stewart,	Paca,	T. Johnson,	Holmes.
J. Johnson,	Stone,	Polk,	Jackon,	Norris,	41.

So it was determined in the negative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. M'Mechen, appeared as follow:

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