

A memorial from William Bruff, of Queen-Anne's county, setting forth, that he was appointed a commissioner to revise the proceedings of the late special council of the eastern shore, and praying compensation for his services; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. John Seney, Mr. Duvall and Mr. Jackson, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Andrew Porter, of Cæcil county, setting forth, that he is in possession of a tract of land called Smith's Fort, which he purchased of the honourable Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, and praying an abatement in the price of the said land; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Matthews, Mr. T. Johnson and Mr. Nicholls, to consider and report thereon.

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

By the COMMITTEE of CLAIMS.

YOUR committee, in the line of their duty, beg leave to report, that they have examined the accounts of Henry Dickinson, Esquire, treasurer of the eastern shore, rendered them by colonel William Richardson, by which it appears the following sums in specie, black state and state continental money and certificates, have been received by him, in discount of taxes and duties, from the 18th of November, 1786, to the 17th November, 1787, to wit: The sum of £. 17,806 0 8½ in specie, and the sum of £. 6,155 15 4 in state and state continental money, and the sum of £. 4,150 3 6 in different species of certificates, including the interest thereon, as also for marriage and ordinary licences, and fines and forfeitures, for the year 1786, to the amount of £. 1,509 0 10, whereof it appears the sum of £. 1,250 hath been paid to the orders of the governor and visitors of Washington college, and the balance of £. 259 0 10 to have been paid to the treasurer of the western shore, as by his receipts and vouchers produced; that it appears to your committee, from the receipts and vouchers produced to them, that the said eastern shore treasurer hath paid over to the treasurer of the western shore the several sums of specie and paper money by him received and in his hands to the 17th of November, 1787, aforesaid, and that the certificates have been cancelled and lodged in the auditor's office. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. M'Pherson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee appointed on the petition of Robert Bruce, of Charles county, beg leave to report, that it appears, from the certificate of David Hopkins, late a major of light dragoons, that the facts set forth therein are true, from which circumstance, aided by the recommendation of a number of respectable persons, inhabitants of Charles county, your committee are induced to be of opinion, that a resolve ought to pass directing the auditor-general to grant to the said Robert Bruce certificates of depreciation during the time of his service. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to compel the attendance of the members of the general assembly. ORDERED, That Mr. Parnham, Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Joshua Seney, Mr. M'Mechen and Mr. Duvall, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A memorial from sundry inhabitants of Cæcil and Harford counties, praying an act may pass to suspend the law for regulating the size of fish-barrels in certain cases, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Matthews, Mr. Joshua Seney, Mr. M'Mechen and Mr. Norris, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Jeremiah Mudd, administrator of Martin Mudd, of Charles county, formerly a foldier, praying the depreciation of his brother's pay, and also final settlement certificates due him, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. M'Pherson, Mr. Dent and Mr. Chapman, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Joshua Seney, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to settle and pay the civil list, and other expences of civil government, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That the said bill have a second reading on Thursday next.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to take away the circumstance of indenting deeds of bargain and sale. ORDERED, That Mr. Key, Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Joshua Seney, Mr. Duvall and Mr. Downes, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, November 21, 1787.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. John Selby Purnell and Mr. John Pope Mitchell, delegates returned for Worcester county, Mr. Thomas Gantt, a delegate returned for Calvert county, and Mr. John Gale and Mr. John Stewart, delegates returned for Somerset county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took their seats in the house.

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

THE committee appointed on the petition of Thomas Byram, of Kent county, beg leave to report, that from the vouchers adduced it appears, that the facts therein stated are true, and are of opinion the petitioner's absence from the state ought not to operate as an exclusion from the benefits