

of William Chambers, treasurer of the eastern shore of Maryland, that there is a balance of seven pounds thirteen shillings standing to the credit of the said Benjamin Chambers on the books of the eastern shore treasury, which balance originated in an overpayment made by him to the late treasurer of the eastern shore of this state, on the eighteenth day of December, seventeen hundred and ninety six, which it also appears reasonable to your committee ought to be refunded to the petitioner, with interest thereon from the time the same was overpaid; they therefore submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the eastern shore of Maryland pay to Benjamin Chambers, or order, the sum of seven pounds thirteen shillings, with legal interest thereon from the eighteenth day of December, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-six, the day on which an overpayment to the amount of that sum was made by the said Benjamin Chambers to the late treasurer of the eastern shore of Maryland, and which appears on the eastern shore treasury books to be a balance due him.

By order,

G. HOWARD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Linthicum, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Nicholls, of Simon, of Montgomery county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find, from the vouchers exhibited, that the said Nicholls purchased from William Marbury, agent of the state of Maryland, two hundred and fifty acres of land, lying and being in Montgomery county, at thirty shillings per acre, and from an agreement made with the agent, it was stipulated, that an accurate survey of the aforesaid lands should be made, and upon such survey made thereof, if it should be found to contain more, it was to be paid for at the same price, and if found to be less, to be deducted at the same price, per acre; that the said Nicholls, at his own expence, did have the said land surveyed, and from the certificate of the surveyor, your committee find that it falls short of the aforesaid quantity of two hundred and fifty acres, as bonded for; your committee are of opinion, that in all cases of land, the seller is, or ought to be, at the expence of ascertaining the quantity where the sale has been made by the acre, as in the present case; your committee are of opinion that the said Nicholls ought to be reimbursed the expences of surveying the land aforesaid; they therefore recommend the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to credit Thomas Nicholls, of Simon, on his bond given to the state for the purchase of the aforesaid land of the state's agent, the sum of twenty-nine pounds five shillings current money, being the actual expences incurred and paid by the said Nicholls, in surveying and ascertaining the quantity of said land, which appears to be clear of elder surveys.

By order,

G. HOWARD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. J. Bayly, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to direct the mode of collecting the several taxes imposed on proceedings in the court of chancery; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill authorising the persons therein named to dispose of certain ground belonging to the society of quakers in the city of Baltimore, was read the second time and passed.

A petition from William Rose, James Booker and Philemon Willis, of Talbot county, stating, that they became bound, as securities for a certain William S. Bond, to the state of Maryland, for the payment of the caution money on lands lying in Allegany county, which said William S. Bond had taken up as vacant, that the said William S. Bond has since died insolvent, and never complied with the requisites of the law, by paying in the caution money, and that by virtue of a decree of the chancellor, the said land was sold for the benefit of the petitioners, and that they became the purchasers thereof, and that it would be inconvenient for them to pay the whole of the purchase money by the time limited, and praying a suspension of time, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Goldsborough and Mr. Meloy, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Oxford, in Talbot county, stating, that they labour under great inconvenience from the public ground of said town being enclosed from them, and praying that an act may pass to prevent the same being kept enclosed, and also that the prayer of their petition preferred at the last session, may be granted, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Goldsborough and Mr. S. Frazier, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Saint-Michael's, in Talbot county, praying that commissioners may be appointed to lay off more land in said town into lots, and that the lots, streets, alleys and ways, already laid off, may be resurveyed, and the whole laid off into a town by the name of Saint-Michael's, and that the running at large of swine and geese in said town may be prevented, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Spencer and Mr. Lloyd, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Stephen from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to release unto James Mosher the right of the state of Maryland in and to a lot or parcel of ground therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Harwood, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Colmore Duvall, of Prince-George's county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.