

ment for the term of three years, two years and seven months of which time he served before he was taken prisoner; it does not appear to your committee where the said Dennis was from that time, till he was put on James's Island, and sent to Campden's hospital, where he remained till the spring seventeen hundred and eighty-three. Your committee are of opinion, that said Dennis is entitled to a compensation for his services from the state of Maryland till the 1st of January, 1781, being the period to which the state paid her own troops, and recommend the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the auditor be and he is hereby authorised and directed to settle with Edward Dennis, late a soldier in the third Maryland regiment, and grant a certificate, bearing interest from the time of issuing the same, for the depreciation of pay which may appear to the auditor to be due to said Dennis; and that the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised to draw on the treasurer of the western shore, in favour of said Dennis, for the amount of the pay due to him from the first day of August, seventeen hundred and eighty, to the first of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-one.

All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying an act may pass altering the mode and manner of the meeting of the eighth Maryland regiment of militia, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Bowles, Mr. Cellar and Mr. Ridout, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to pay the civil list, and other expences of civil government. **ORDERED**, That Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Ridout and Mr. Clarke, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, November 14, 1796.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Brother. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Elijah Merryman, a delegate returned for Baltimore county, and Mr. James Butcher, a delegate returned for Queen-Anne's county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took their seats in the house.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house a letter from the secretary of the senate of the United States, with a copy of the journals of the senate at the first session of the fourth congress; which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to the act for the establishment and regulation of the levy courts in the several counties of this state. **ORDERED**, That Mr. Hall, Mr. Hopewell, Mr. Quynn, Mr. Duckett and Mr. Chapman, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Edward Norwood, of Baltimore county, stating, that James Carroll, one of the delegates returned for Baltimore county, was not eligible at the time of the election, and praying the same may be decided on agreeably to the constitution, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee of elections and privileges.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Charles county belonging to the Roman catholic congregation worshipping at the church of Saint-Mary's, in the vicinity of Bryan-town, Charles county, praying they may be incorporated for the purpose of managing the temporalities of their church, as other religious societies within this state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Chapman, Mr. Digges, Mr. Baker, Mr. Quynn and Mr. Broome, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Eleanor Shuman, of Frederick county, the widow of Peter Shuman, deceased, in behalf of herself and children, report, that they have taken the same into their consideration, and find that the facts in the said petition contained are truly stated, and that humanity ought to induce the legislature to relinquish the right of the state in the property therein contained. Your committee are fully of opinion, from a view of all the circumstances, that the benevolence and beneficence of the legislature may with propriety be extended to those helpless orphans, and that an act ought to pass to relinquish the right of the state in all the property, both real and personal, that did belong to the said Peter Shuman, and to vest the same in his children, under the direction of the petitioner during their minority, or under such other regulations or restrictions as may be deemed expedient. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Goldsborough, 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.

Mr. John Ch'w Thomas appeared in the house.

On the second reading the bill to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year, the question was put, That each member to the council be allowed the sum of £. 200 for the ensuing year? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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

W. Thomas,	Buchanan,	Chapman,	Goldsborough,	Quynn,	Wilson,
Hopewell,	Ridout,	Digges,	Pattison,	Key,	Quynn, jun.
Neale,	J. C. Thomas,	Harwood,	Campbell,	Brown,	Jarrett,
Spencer,	Hall,	Lamdin,	Duckett,	Butcher,	Bowles,
Barroll,	Sprigg,	Wilkins,	Baker,	C. Frazier,	Swearingen.

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