

first deducting his commission therefrom, amounting to the sum of one pound eleven shillings and six-pence current money. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

Z. HUGHES, clk.

Which was read:

The clerk of the senate delivers a petition from Henry Stevenson, stating, that he was collector of the public tax in 1777, 1778 and 1779, that there are sundry balances due him as collector of Baltimore county, and praying he may be empowered to collect the same, endorsed; "By the senate, November 18, 1796: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Which was read, and referred to Mr. Smith, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Goldborough, Mr. M'Mechen and Mr. Neale, to consider and report thereon.

The clerk of the senate delivers a letter from the governor of this day, enclosing letters from the governor of Virginia; with resolutions of the legislature of that state proposing amendments to the constitution of the United States; and proposing an annual interchange of the laws passed by each state, endorsed; "By the senate, November 18, 1796: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Which were read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Walter Billingsley, David Clark and Margaret Love, executors of John Love, late of Harford county, deceased, beg leave to report; that they have taken the same under their consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true, and are of opinion, that inasmuch as an individual would be compellable by the laws of the country to discharge a claim circumstanced as that is of the petitioner's against the state, that in point of justice relief ought to be granted, and beg leave to submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the certificate in the petition mentioned be and it is hereby discountable at the treasury of the western shore for taxes, and any other debts due the state, and the treasurer of the western shore is hereby directed to receive the same.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

Z. HUGHES, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Valentine Linn, of Prince-George's county, report, that they have taken the same into their consideration, and are of opinion that the facts therein set forth are true; they therefore recommend the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the auditor be and he is hereby authorized and directed to adjust the depreciation due to Valentine Linn, late a soldier in the first Maryland regiment, and that the treasurer of the western shore issue to said Valentine Linn a certificate for the same, bearing an interest of six per cent. from the time of issuing the said certificate.

All which is submitted.

By order,

Z. HUGHES, clk.

Which was read.

A memorial from Charles Emory, examiner of the land-office of the eastern shore, stating, that the fees of office are insufficient for the support of himself and family, and praying a temporary salary, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Robins, Mr. Barroll and Mr. Johnson, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Usher Charlton, late paymaster in the Maryland line, report, that they have taken the same under their consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted, and beg leave to recommend the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the auditor-general be and he is hereby authorized and directed to settle and adjust the depreciation of pay that may be due to John Usher Charlton, late paymaster in the Maryland line, and the treasurer of the western shore is hereby authorized and empowered to issue a certificate to the said John Usher Charlton for the principal sum so stated due by the auditor, with interest from the day of issuing the same.

All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

Z. HUGHES, clk.

Which was read.

The following message being prepared, was read, and agreed to.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 18, 1796.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

UPON the communications made by the executive of the proceedings of the general assembly of the commonwealth of Virginia on the subject of amendments to the constitution of the United States, we think a candid interchange of sentiments with your house might facilitate the deliberations which this important question involves, we therefore propose a conference on this subject, and have appointed Mr. Philip B. Key, Mr. Robert Smith, Mr. James Carroll Mr. James B. Robins and Mr. Horatio