

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay unto Daniel Buffard, of Frederick county, or his order, the sum of twenty-eight pounds four shillings and seven-pence halfpenny current money, it being the amount of costs laid out and expended by the said Daniel Buffard, as defendant in a suit brought by the state of Maryland in the general court for the western shore against the said Daniel Buffard, in which the state was nonsuit.

By order,

Z. HUGHES, clk.

Which was 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 Alexander Rigdon, of Harford county, report, that they have taken the same under consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true, and are of opinion that the petitioner ought not to be precluded from having the money by him paid into the treasury upon his bond applied to the payment of the certificate of the tract of land called Rigdon's Hardship, it being the residue of the land by him purchased of the intendant, and that the circumstance of his account being closed through mistake in the treasury books, ought not to operate against him; therefore,

RESOLVED, That the account of the said Alexander Rigdon be opened in the treasurer's books, and that the money therein placed to his credit be applied to the certificate of the tract of land called Rigdon's Hardship, and that the same proceedings be had upon the said certificate in the several offices as if the said account had not been closed.

By order,

J. HAKWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Dorchester county, praying that a public ferry may be established from the town of Cambridge to the Talbot shore, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Pattison, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Robins, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Lucy Jenings, widow of Richard Jenings, an alien, praying the right of the state may be relinquished to certain lands purchased by her deceased husband, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Brother, Mr. Shriver and Mr. Oneale, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. David Luckett, a delegate returned for Montgomery 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 his seat in the house.

On the second reading the report on the petition of Valentine Lynn, the question was put, That the resolution therein contained be struck out? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, the question was put, That the following be received as an amendment? viz. **RESOLVED**, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Valentine Lynn the sum of £. 68 13 1 current money, it being the amount of depreciation due him as a soldier in the first Maryland regiment, as ascertained by the auditor-general? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Whereas a resolution passed the general assembly of Maryland, at their session 1794, requesting the honourable the chancellor of Maryland, and four other gentlemen, to frame and prepare, for the consideration of the legislature, a code of testamentary laws: And whereas the object of the said resolution has not been attained: And whereas the evils resulting from the want of such a code are every day increasing, and this general assembly being desirous to carry into effect some general system upon this subject during their present session; wherefore, **RESOLVED**, That Alexander Contee Hanson, chancellor of Maryland, be requested to lay before this general assembly, for their consideration, such a system of testamentary laws, and plan of administration thereof, as in his judgment shall appear most just, wise and expedient.

RESOLVED, That the general assembly will guaranty to the chancellor a liberal and competent allowance for his time, talents and labour, devoted to carrying into effect the foregoing resolution.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Charles Ridgely, of William, a delegate returned for Baltimore 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 his seat in the house.

The bill for erecting a new bridge and amending the causeways over Dividing creek, between the counties of Somerset and Worcester, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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

Messieurs	W. Thomas,	Chapman,	Miller,	C. Frazier,	Shriver,	Douglafs,
	Hopewell,	Digges,	Wallace,	Whittington,	Prall,	Reinzel,
	Neale,	Ridgely,	Savin,	Robins,	Bennett,	Swearingen,
	Barroll,	Harwood,	Duckett,	Corbin,	Young,	Oneale,
	Buchanan,	Lamdin,	Baker,	Wilson,	M'Mechen,	Luckett,
	Ridout,	Goldsborough,	Key,	Brother,	Bowles,	J. C. Beatty,
	J. C. Thomas,	Pattison,	Butcher,	Quynn, jun.	M'Clain,	Johnson.
	Sprigg,					43.

N E G A T I V E.

McI.	Spencer,	Merryman,	Jones,	Wilkins,	Jarrett,	Tomlinson.
	Bourne,	Sherwood,	Handy,	Brown,	Cellar,	11.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by the clerk.