

RESOLUTIONS assented to

be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to grant unto Henry Cleland Baker, in future, half of the monthly pay which he the said Baker received in the continental service, by orders drawn quarterly on the treasurer of the western shore for the same, and that the same be charged to the United States.

WHEREAS Nicholas Ruxton Moore, by his petition has set forth, that he, having the command of a troop of light dragoons, was ordered by the governor and council of the state of Maryland to proceed to Virginia, and join the troops there under the command of the marquis de la Fayette, and in pursuance thereof did proceed to Virginia, and on his march lost two horses belonging to the said troop, and consequently was obliged to procure two horses of a certain colonel Clayburn, for the sum of two hundred pounds current money, and by his certificate given to the said colonel Clayburn, made himself accountable therefor; and it appearing to this general assembly just and reasonable that the state of Maryland should pay the same, RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore of the state of Maryland pay unto the said Nicholas Ruxton Moore the sum of two hundred and forty-two pounds eight shillings and three-pence current money, which sum includes interest, and cost of suit recovered by a judgment against the said Nicholas Ruxton Moore, and the same be charged to the United States.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be requested to forward, without delay, the above and similar resolutions, with the vouchers upon which they are respectively founded, to Christopher Richmond, at Philadelphia, in order that he may include the same in the accounts of the state of Maryland against the United States.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Thomas Hyde, of the city of Annapolis, that on the twenty-first day of June, seventeen hundred and eighty-one, he paid to the treasurer of the western shore the sum of twelve pounds one shilling and three-pence, on account of Perkins, Buchanan and Brown, merchants, London, pursuant to the act of assembly made at a session begun the seventeenth day of October, seventeen hundred and eighty; that since that time he has settled all accounts with the said Perkins, Buchanan and Brown, and praying a return of the money paid into the treasury as aforesaid; and the said facts appearing to this general assembly to be true, RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay unto Thomas Hyde the aforesaid sum of twelve pounds one shilling and three-pence, being the same money heretofore deposited in the treasury as aforesaid.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to James O'Bryon the sum of forty-nine pounds six shillings and four-pence, which sum appears to have been paid by him to the treasurer of the eastern shore, as collector of the tax for Queen-Anne's county in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-six, on account of insolvencies, which could not be ascertained at the time he was compelled to settle his accounts with the commissioners of the tax for the county aforesaid, and which sum of forty-nine pounds six shillings and four-pence he appears to be entitled to on account of insolvencies for the year aforesaid, by a certificate of the commissioners aforesaid.

WHEREAS William Augustine Washington, of Virginia, is entitled to one twelfth part of the property of the late Principio Company, heretofore sold by commissioners in virtue of the acts for the confiscation of British property: And whereas the said William Augustine Washington has not received his full share of the said property, and has presented his memorial to the general assembly of Maryland, stating, that there is a large sum of money due him, not only on account of the sales of the said property so as aforesaid made by the said commissioners, but also on account of an unequal allotment of property of the said company made to Thomas Russell, late of Cæcil county, under the authority of this state, and for certain sums of money due him from the said company; which said balance this legislature cannot conveniently ascertain; RESOLVED, That William Campbell, Esquire, of Annapolis, and Robert Denny, Esquire, be appointed to examine the claims stated in the memorial of the said William Augustine Washington, and finally to adjust, liquidate, ascertain and award, the balance which shall appear to be due to the said William Augustine Washington for his said claim; and if the said referees differ in their opinion, they are hereby directed to choose a third person, and the award of any two to be conclusive; and the said arbitrators shall have full power and authority to call upon the attorney-general of this state, or any other person or persons they may have reason to believe are acquainted with the affair in dispute, to give information touching the same; provided, that the said William Augustine Washington shall, before the commissioners and referees proceed to examine and adjust the said claim, give his bond to the state of Maryland, in the sum of six thousand pounds current money, conditioned for the performances of the said award on the part of the said William Augustine Washington.

And whereas, although this legislature cannot ascertain the exact balance due to the said William Augustine Washington, but as there appears a considerable sum owing him, to which no objection can justly be made: And whereas this legislature are desirous not to retain, further than can be done with propriety, the money claimed by the said William Augustine Washington, RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be directed to pay to the said William Augustine Washington the sum of one thousand pounds, on account of his said claim.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council of this state be and are hereby directed to take the bond of the said William Augustine Washington, which is before mentioned, and to receive the award of the said William Campbell and Robert Denny, and of the third person so as aforesaid chosen, if necessary; and, upon the same being lodged with the governor and council, that the treasurer of the western shore is hereby directed to issue certificates to the said William Augustine Washington for the amount of the sum found to be due him by the commissioners and referees aforesaid, with legal interest thereon to be paid annually; which said certificates shall be receivable for any debt due the state of Maryland, and be charged on the same funds as the other specie certificates of this state.

RESOLVED, That the attorney-general be and he is hereby requested to inquire into the legality of the adjudication of the commissioners, as to the lines of My Lady's Manor, under a commission to mark and bound the said lines, lately issued out of Baltimore county court, and if, in his opinion, the state will be injured by an acquiescence in the said adjudication, to take the most effectual, and, at the same time, the least expensive, steps, to call in question and try the same at the costs of the state; and if, in his opinion, the said adjudication is lawful, and ought to stand, to report such his opinion to the next general assembly, with the reasons thereof.

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