

and sixteen, for the benefit of the securities of Thomas Thompson, collector of Dorchester county, deceased; which was read.

Mr. Frazier presents the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of William Byus, of Dorchester county, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to William Byus, of Dorchester county, or by his order, annually, for life, in quarterly payments, the half pay of a lieutenant, as a compensation for his services during the revolutionary war, and that the resolution passed at December session eighteen hundred and nineteen, number sixty-five, be rescinded.

By order,

T. POLLARD, Clk.

Which was read.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the report of the committee of elections, and the same was concurred in so far as Dorchester county inclusive

On motion by Mr. Wilson, the question was put, That the words "but it does not appear that any four of them had the greatest number of legal votes," be stricken out of that part relative to Kent county? Determined in the negative

On motion by Mr. Forest, the question was put, That the house reconsider the said words proposed to be stricken out? Determined in the negative

On motion by Mr. Allen, the question was put, That the words "and it appears that Frederick Boyer, Richard S. Thomas, John B. Eccleston, and James F. Brown, had a greater number of votes than any other of the persons voted for as delegates to the general assembly in said county," be inserted after the word "therein." Determined in the negative

On motion by Mr. Boyle, the words "though four appear to have the greatest number of votes," was inserted after the words "legal votes." The question was then put, That the house concur with the same as far as the words "general assembly of Maryland," inclusive? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Speaker, Marriott, Steward, Wyvill, Weems, Kent, Beckett, Dalrymple, Rogerson, Showers, Snowden, Orrick, Hayward, N. Martin, S. Stevens, W. Eccleston, Lake, Frazier, J. S. Moffitt, T. Williams, Cross, R. T. Hall, J. Forrest, Boyle, Duvall, Wright, R. Stevens, R. Moffitt, Nicholson, Wafield, McPherson, Davis, Cockey, Maulsby, Alderson, Norris, Holbrook, Willis, Hardcastle, Whitely, Barney, J. P. Kennedy, Gabby, T. Kennedy, Kershner, Bowles, Hilleary, Scott, Reid.—49.

NEGATIVE.—Key, Plater, Stoddert, Edelen, Posey, Dashiell, Dennis, King, Archer, T. N. Williams, Wilson, Parker, Selby, Allen, Gaither, Harding, Darne, B. Forrest.—18.

Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Boyle, the residue of the report was stricken out.

On motion by Mr. Boyle, the following resolution was read and assented to.

Resolved, That Frederick Boyer, Richard S. Thomas, John B. Eccleston, and James F. Brown, being returned as having the greatest number of votes, and there being no allegation of improper conduct or illegal votes, be and they are hereby considered as duly elected.

On motion by Mr. Allen, the question was put, That the house reconsider the report of the committee of elections and privilege? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Hayward, the following message was read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 14, 1820.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

A vacancy having occurred in the office of register of wills of Somerset county, during the recess of the legislature, and the duties of the person appointed by the executive having terminated with the meeting of the general assembly, we propose, with the concurrence of your honourable body, to proceed to make the appointment of register of wills for the said county to-morrow at 12 o'clock. James Polk is put in nomination by this house, and we have appointed Messrs. Hayward and Duvall, to join such gentlemen as may be named by you, to count the ballots and report thereon.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

Mr. Cockey presents a petition from William Hodgkiss, of Frederick county, praying a special act of insolvency; which was read and referred to Messrs. Cockey, Marriott and Blair.

Mr. Bowles from the committee of claims delivers the following report:

BY THE COMMITTEE OF CLAIMS.

Your committee beg leave to report—That they have examined the accounts and proceedings of William Richardson, treasurer of the eastern shore of Maryland, and that it appears to your committee that he hath received from the first day of November eighteen hundred and nineteen, to the first day of November eighteen hundred and twenty, both days inclusive, for escheats, caution, composition, and improvements on land \$201 44; for marriage, ordinary, retailers, hawkers, and pedlars licenses, fines, forfeitures, amerciaments, and taxes in chancery, and interest, \$6286 36; and that it appears that the said treasurer hath paid away, from the fifteenth day of November eighteen hundred and nineteen, to the first day of November eighteen hundred and twenty, both days inclusive, the sum of \$6487 80, in which sum is included said treasurer's salary for one year amounting to \$500. For all which payments, have been produced to your committee the necessary vouchers and receipts.

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All which is submitted,

By order,

S. S. HODGKIN, Clk.

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