

acted in the purchase of provisions, has lately obtained an order from colonel Epraim Blaine, on the western shore treasurer of this state, for a considerable sum of money, out of which, your committee conceive, the said Wederstrandt ought to pay the petitioner, for the provisions he has purchased, also for his commissions and necessary expences of storage and freight he may have been at respecting such purchase; but your committee beg leave to observe, that it appears to them, from a resolve of congress of the 26th of May last, and a proviso thereto subjoined, that nothing contained in said resolves of congress shall be construed to exonerate any state from the payment of orders already drawn, or to affect the requisition of congress of the 19th day of the said month; by which it would seem, as if the money for which the said Conrod Theodore Wederstrandt has obtained an order on the treasurer of the western shore, was intended to be appropriated to some other use, and not applied by him to the payment of public creditors for provisions by them sold to the said Wederstrandt or his deputies. Should this be the case, the committee beg leave to give it as their opinion, that it be recommended to the governor and council, to pay unto the said John Caille Harrison, out of the first monies that may come into the treasury of the western or eastern shore, for the provisions he has purchased and preserved for the use of the continental army, and shall deliver, to the order of the said governor and council, also his necessary expences for freights and storage by him paid, together with an interest of six per cent. on monies which may appear, by a fair account rendered, he has advanced for the payments he has already made; or that the said John Caille Harrison be enabled by the governor and council to grant certificates, in the usual mode, to the persons from whom he purchased the said provisions, to the amount of their respective claims, and that the said public creditors be at liberty to pay the same certificates in discount for any public tax payable in money, which shall be collected in virtue of an act passed at a general assembly, begun and held at the city of Annapolis the 23d day of March last, or, if they chuse it, to apply to the treasurer of the eastern shore, who shall be directed to discharge the same in money at or before the 25th day of December next.

All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, **RESOLVED**, That the surgeons and surgeons mates in the hospital department, belonging to this state, be entitled to the same bounties and privileges as the surgeons and surgeons mates belonging to each regiment from this state.

Mr. W. Stevenson brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the payment of certain certificates; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

By the **COMMITTEE** appointed to converse with Mr. John Lyon, on his application to the general assembly.

THE committee beg leave to report, that they have conferred with Mr. Lyon on the subject of his discovery of longitude, but the investigation involving difficult and astruse disquisitions, renders it impracticable for the committee to say, with any degree of precision, whether Mr. Lyon's propositions promise the success wished for; that the pursuit of the discovery of longitude deserves every encouragement in the power of the legislature, and that a proper foundation may be laid for the legislature to extend its munificence to Mr. Lyon, it would be requisite to refer him to some able and distinguished mathematicians and astronomers, upon whose recommendation proper attention should be paid to Mr. Lyon. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with; and, on motion, the question was put, That the governor and council be requested to furnish Mr. John Lyon with two thousand dollars, to defray his expences to Philadelphia, to be hereafter returned, if requested by the state? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Sprigg appeared as follow:

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

Messieurs	Key,	Maccubbin,	Gibson,	Bruff,	Gaunt,	Alexander,
	Mackall,	Fitzhugh,	Ward,	Earle,	Archer,	Chapline,
	W. Stevenson,	Deye,	Job,	Ringgold,	Driver,	Burgets,
	Cadwalader,	Hammond,	Lawson,	Quynn,	Keene,	Cramphin,
	Worthington,	Banning,	Kirk,	Chaille,	M'Mechen,	Bayly.
	J. Hall,					

N E G A T I V E.

Mes.	Wilmer,	Dent,	Eccleston,	M'Comas,	Taylor,	Stull,
	Digges,	S. Hanfon,	Magruder,	Norris,	M'Bryde,	Sprigg.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.
The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

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