

public, but whether he received a satisfaction therefor in any other manner than by an exchange of labour with the public horses, your committee are not able to determine. That it also appeared, that the state horses, during their continuance in Annapolis last winter, suffered greatly, several of which died, but whether the same arose from Mr. Bullen's neglect, or from want of money to procure stables and forage, your committee are not satisfied.

Your committee are therefore of opinion, that the said John Bullen's conduct, as deputy continental quarter-master, ought to be referred to the governor and council, to determine thereon as to justice shall appertain, agreeable to a resolution of congress of the ninth day of February, seventeen hundred and seventy-eight.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

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

By the COMMITTEE of GRIEVANCES and COURTS of JUSTICE.

YOUR committee having taken into their consideration sundry complaints exhibited against a certain Robert John Smith, a tailor employed in the public service, are of opinion, from the testimony of Richard Foggett, that the said Smith hath made use of sundry cloth belonging to the public for his own emolument. It likewise appears to your committee, from the testimony of Thomas Watkins, that the said Smith sold him a pair of breeches, which the said Smith hath since informed him was made out of the scraps of the public cloth; that the said Smith, by his own confession, saith, that in a quantity of cloth which he received of Mr. Charles Howard, the then commissary, it measured one hundred and ninety yards more than he received it for; that he informed Mr. Richard Harwood of it, and that Mr. Harwood advised the said Smith, that he had better make it up for the public, in consequence of which, he did make up and deliver the same to the commissary, except ten yards that he made use of, in lieu of forty yards of osnabrig that he had paid Mr. Howard for that he had lost belonging to the public. It appears to your committee, from sundry depositions herewith delivered, that the said Smith was always esteemed a man of unexceptionable character, and that no charge of dishonesty was ever made against him, until about three or four months ago, when the subject matter of this report took its rise. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read.

The amendment proposed to the additional supplement to the act for the regulation of the staple of tobacco, was read the second time and agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Benedict E. Hall, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from sundry inhabitants of North and South Sulquehanna hundreds in Cæcil county, respecting their claims to parts of New Connaught manor; a petition from Patrick Hamilton, collector of the tax for Cæcil county, setting forth, that from various causes he was prevented from paying the continental and other money by him collected for the September and November taxes into the treasury within the time limited, and that the treasurer now refuses to receive the same; that he is appointed collector for the present year's tax, but that he shall not be able to make the collection according to law, having received the assessment to late as the 29th of April last; and praying relief; a petition from Baruck Williams of Cæcil county, setting forth, that he, as clerk of said county, was empowered to grant marriage licences, and was under penalties for the trust reposed in him; that he made out his account on the first of November last, on oath, and enclosed the balance due in continental currency to the treasurer of the eastern shore, which by some accident did not get to his hands in time; that the treasurer will not now receive the said money, and praying relief; and a petition from Jonathan Booth of Cæcil county, praying an act may pass for the recording and giving effect to a deed from John Starkey to Joshua Donoho; severally endorsed; "By the senate, June 19, 1781: Read and referred to the house of delegates."

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which were read, and the petition of Jonathan Booth referred to Mr. Job, Mr. Lethrbury, and Mr. Duckett, to consider and report thereon.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to encourage the destroying of wolves, endorsed; "By the senate, June 19, 1781: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass."

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

And also a petition from Samuel G. Osborne, collector of Harford county, setting forth, that from various causes he was unable to make his collection within the time limited, and praying to be relieved from the penalties incurred in consequence thereof, endorsed; "By the senate, June 19, 1781: Read and referred to the house of delegates."

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

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