

derick county it appears, that Mr. Thomas Beatty, Mr. David Shriver, Mr. John Hanson, and Mr. Samuel Duvall, are duly elected and returned delegates for said county. That by the certificate of the sheriff of Harford county it appears, that Mr. John Taylor, Mr. Benjamin Bradford Norris, Mr. William Smithson, and Mr. John Love, are duly elected and returned delegates for said county. That by the certificate of the commissioners of Baltimore-town it appears, that Mr. David M'Mechen and Mr. Henry Wilson are duly elected and returned delegates for said town. That by the certificate of the sheriff of Washington county it appears, that Mr. John Stull, Mr. John Barnes, Mr. Thomas Sprigg, and Mr. James Chapline, are duly elected and returned delegates for said county. That by the certificate of the sheriff of Montgomery county it appears, that Mr. Edward Burgess, Mr. Charles Greenbury Griffith, Mr. William Bayly, and Mr. Lawrence O'Neill, are duly elected and returned delegates for said county. That no certificates appear from the sheriffs of Somerset, Dorset and Caroline counties. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order of the committee,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition of John Skails, relative to certain lands in Baltimore county, which Philip Hall has obtained an escheat warrant to effect, being lands late the property of Anne Stiles (who intermarried with the petitioner) by whose death the same became escheat; endorsed; "By the senate, November 23, 1781: Read and referred to the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was read, and referred to Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Stone, Mr. Forrest, and Mr. Ridgely, to consider and report thereon.

ORDERED, That the said committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.

A petition of William Marshall, of Charles county, praying the general assembly to allow him for depreciation while acting in the medical department with the army, and to direct an immediate payment of a certificate granted by the treasurer under the act to adjust the public debts; was preferred and read.

Mr. Benjamin Bradford Norris, a delegate returned for Harford county, appeared, and after qualifying in the usual manner, took his seat in the house.

Mr. Brogden has leave of absence until Monday next.

ORDERED, That the petition of Mary Pindle, referred from the last session, be taken into consideration on the fifth of December next.

ORDERED, That Mr. Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Duckett, Mr. Hindman, and Mr. Wilson, be a committee to enquire into and report the quantity of pork, beef, wheat, wheat flour, and tobacco, collected or received in virtue of the act passed last October session, to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one; and also to enquire into and report the conduct of the collectors of the tax, and particularly whether they have duly collected and paid in the identical tobacco and money by them received, the several assessments imposed by the said act, and whether, by examining their accounts settled with the commissioners of the tax, any tobacco or money is due from any of them; and also into the conduct of the commissary of each shere, and of the county commissaries, and particularly what quantity of wheat, wheat flour, and provisions, are in the hands of either of the commissaries or county commissaries.

That Mr. Forrest, Mr. Plowden, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Tilden, and Mr. Stone, be a committee to enquire into and report the quantity of cloathing, provisions, and other necessaries, purchased since the first of January last for public use, and the prices given, of whom purchased, and how paid, whether in money, tobacco, or flour; and also the quantity of cloathing and other supplies taken since the first of January last, or in virtue of the act to procure an immediate supply of cloathing, &c. passed last May session, for public use, and the prices allowed, from whom taken, and how paid, and to examine particularly whether there is any inequality in the prices allowed, or mode of payment; and also the quantity of supplies of provisions furnished by, or drawn from the state, for the use of the United States, since the first day of December last.

That Mr. Jenifer, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Bayly, Mr. Duvall, and Mr. Maynadier, be a committee to inspect into and report the state and condition of the auditor-general's office, and to examine the accounts passed in the said office, and the prices and rewards allowed for all kinds of services, and to report their opinion on the same; and that the said committee also examine the state and condition of the books kept by the commissary of stores, and to report the quantity of goods purchased since the first of January last, and to report the quantity of cloathing and other necessaries now in the hands of the said commissary.

That Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Wright, Mr. Chase, Mr. Bowie, and Mr. Hall, be a committee to enquire and report what number of recruits will be wanting to complete the quota of this state, and to report their opinion what will be the most eligible and expeditious mode to procure the deficiency; also their opinion how to procure cloathing for our quota of troops; and that

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