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term, 1781, directed their clerk to enter on the docket the said suit, and that the cause stands there for argument.

Your committee beg leave to observe, that from the best information they can receive, the damages laid in the declaration are in no wise adequate to the real damage sustained; and your committee beg leave to offer it as their opinion, that a law should pass, empowering and directing the clerk of the general court to amend the declaration, by enlarging the damages, and then to issue a writ of enquiry of damages directed to the sheriff of Baltimore county.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

G. RANKEN, clk.

Which was read.

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the relief of Mary Polton, endorsed; "By the senate, December 5, 1781: Read the first time and ordered to lie  
" on the table.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

" By the senate, December 6, 1781: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to settle and pay the civil list, and the other expences of civil government. ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. B. T. B. Worthington, and Mr. Wright, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

A memorial from Moses Rawlings, late a lieutenant-colonel in the troops of this state, praying the general assembly to allow him, and others of his late regiment, the depreciation of their pay while in service; was preferred and read, and referred to the committee appointed to enquire into the conduct of the commissioner appointed to adjust the accounts of the troops of this state, &c.

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

THE committee, appointed to enquire what laws have or will expire this session, beg leave to report, that the following laws will expire with the close thereof: An act concerning estates tail, and the jurisdiction of the county courts, passed June session, 1773. An act for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court, passed June session, 1777. An act for the relief of those who have and may suffer by the British army, passed June session, 1780. An act to continue an act for the regulation of officers fees, and for other purposes, passed October session, 1780. A supplement to the act for the regulation of the staple of tobacco, passed October session, 1780. An act for the trial and punishment of spies, and such as may join the enemy, passed May session, 1781. An additional supplement to the act for the regulation of the staple of tobacco, passed May session, 1781. An act to continue and explain the powers vested in the special council appointed on the eastern shore, passed May session, 1781; and the supplement thereto, passed same session. An act for suspending the powers of the commissioners for building the court-house and prison in Harford county, passed March session, 1774. An act for preventing excessive and deceitful gaming, and for other purposes therein mentioned, passed October session, 1778. An act to restrict the delegates of this state in congress from engaging in any trade either foreign or domestic, passed July session, 1779. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, December 7, 1781.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Dent. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

John Smith, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from John Parran, jun. setting forth, that his dwelling house, together with a quantity of household furniture, was destroyed by the enemy, who stole from him several negroes, and other property to a considerable value, among which were sundry certificates belonging to the public, which he had received as one of the collectors, and praying the general assembly to extend the same relief to him as has been granted to others who have suffered by the enemy, and to direct the treasurer to make an allowance for the certificates lost; endorsed, "By the senate, December 6, 1781: Read and  
" referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was read, and referred to Mr. Chew, Mr. Stull, and Mr. Thomas, to consider and report thereon.

The report from the committee on expiring laws was read.

The bill respecting the sale of the iron works late belonging to James Russell and company, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Jenifer appeared as follow:

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