

the said George Gray for his salary, which was one hundred pounds sterling per annum, and advances made by the said George Gray (as appears by a regular and as we conceive a just account) to be £. 559 19 6 sterling, 4120 lb crop tobacco, and £. 704 7 1 continental currency; which continental currency, settled by the scale of depreciation for settling the accounts of public creditors, amounts to the sum of £. 7 16 6. That the said George Gray has drawn and endorsed sundry bills of exchange upon his said principals, several of which he sold in Philadelphia in the year 1775, and of which he has heard nothing since; but as the said principals have become bankrupts since that time, it is probable many of the said bills have been protested, and the depreciation of the money may have prevented the holders from presenting them. That the said George Gray was obliged, by a judgment of Charles county court, to pay to John Robertson an order drawn by James Jamieson for £. 30 19 6 sterling. Therefore RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the account of the said George Gray is just, and the committee beg leave to recommend to the honourable house, that a law pass for the sale of the effects of James Jamieson, and Jamieson, Johnston and company, and that George Gray's debt be received in payment equal to specie. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

G. RANKEN, clk.

Which was read.

ORDERED, That the intendant be requested to lay before this house the amount of the sales of British property, an account of the arrears of taxes due to this state, and also an account of the several emissions of money now in circulation; and that he be requested to attend at the bar of this house according to the order of the day.

Petitions from Henry Withgot, and William Withgot and Isaac Henry, of Dorchester county, praying to be relieved from the payment of the treble tax, were preferred and read.

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

THE committee, appointed to take into consideration the representation of major Davidson and Mr. Richmond, in behalf of a destitute child, beg leave to report, that your committee, from circumstances, are of opinion, that a child now in the city of Annapolis, and commonly called and known by the name of Edward Edgerly, was the natural son of captain Edward Edgerly, a respectable and brave officer in the Maryland line, who fell at the battle of Eutaw; that captain Edgerly, by acts of attention and parental care, sufficiently manifested his affection for the child, and an opinion that he was his son; that the child is at present almost entirely destitute of maintenance and support; that captain Edgerly has no legal representative in this country: Therefore it is the opinion of this committee, that affection for officers who have died for their country, political gratitude to a virtuous citizen, humanity for an helpless infant, are considerations superior to those which arise from the distinctions the law has raised between legitimate and natural born children; that therefore the interest of the account of the money which the legal representatives of captain Edgerly would have been entitled to receive from this state, shall go to the maintenance and education of the said child, who shall be named Edward Edgerly; that at the age of twenty-one years, or day of marriage, the principal of the money aforesaid shall belong to the said Edward Edgerly, but if he shall die before he arrives to the age of twenty-one years, and without being married or leaving issue, then the money as aforesaid shall be vested in the state. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Bayly has leave of absence till Monday next.

A bill, entitled, An act to empower Anne Rorer, administratrix, and Isaac Baightle, administrator, of John Rorer, late of Washington county, deceased, to sell and dispose of certain lands for the purposes therein mentioned, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

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

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

By the COMMITTEE appointed to consider and report on the petition of John Galloway.

YOUR committee beg leave to report, that it appears the allegations stated in the said petition are true. It appears from the said petition, and the papers thereto annexed, that the commissioners of the tax for Washington county settled the interest of the land owner and tenants on Conococheague manor on the following terms, viz. each tenement valued at thirty years purchase, and the usual rent multiplied by thirty should be the land owners proportion, the remainder tenants; agreeable to which rule the land owner would pay about one tenth part of the taxes,