

64 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1782.

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of sundry officers, on behalf of the Maryland line, beg leave to report,

That it appears from the returns of the intendant to this house, that depreciation certificates have issued to the amount of	-	-	154,601	14	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Not adjusted, supposed	-	-	25,398	5	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Whole amount of certificates,			£. 180,000	0	0
That Monocacy manor, pledged for redemption of said certificates, sold for	-	-	60,555	0	0
My Lady's manor, pledged for ditto, sold for	-	-	8,009	0	0
Balance due on depreciation certificates, suppose	-	-	111,436	0	0
			£. 180,000	0	0
Balance due on depreciation certificates brought down	-	-	111,436	0	0
To which add 5 months pay due the army, from the 1st of August 1780, to the 1st of January 1781, supposed	-	-	30,000	0	0
Makes the balance due the army,			£. 141,436	0	0

That it appears from the intendant's return, that there is a surplus of the British property sold, over and above what is sufficient to sink the continental state money, of	-	-	5,077	2	0
That there is a surplus of the British property sold for the redemption of the black state money, over and above what is sufficient to sink the same, of	-	-	17,280	7	0
That there is a surplus of the British property sold for the redemption of the red state money, over and above what is sufficient to sink the same, of	-	-	115,855	14	8
That there is a further surplus of 199,876 lb of tobacco, at 12/6 will yield	-	-	1,249	4	6
and 12,254 bushels of wheat, at 4/0 will yield	-	-	2,450	16	0
The surplus of these funds amounting to			£. 141,913	4	2

a sum sufficient to discharge the debt due to the army, and, in the opinion of your committee, ought to be appropriated for that purpose.

And your committee are of opinion, that no creditors ought to have a preference to, or stand in competition with, the officers and soldiers of the Maryland line; that the surplus of tobacco and wheat ought to be sold, and the proceeds apportioned amongst the army; that depreciation certificates ought to be received in payment for any British property sold, or hereafter to be sold, provided that a sufficient security be reserved for the redemption of the several emissions of paper money; and that the holder of any depreciation certificate, assigned by any officer or soldier, shall receive the value of, and a reasonable advance on, the money originally given for such assigned certificates, and the balance, if any, to be paid to the officer or soldier to whom the same was originally granted, or to his heirs, if any there be.

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

By order,

G. RANKEN, clk.

Which was read.

ORDERED, That the above report have a second reading to-morrow morning.

John Henry, Esq from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to enable the visitors of Talbot county school to sell the lands belonging to said school, endorsed; "By the senate, December 24, 1782: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

"By the senate, December 26, 1782: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Also a representation from the intendant of the revenue, proposing that a law may pass, to enable the executors of the late James Dick, or the commissioners for the preservation and sale of confiscated British property, to sell the property of a certain Anthony Stewart, a British subject, to discharge debts he contracted in partnership with said Dick; and a petition from Walter Purnell and Ananias Hudson, of Worcester county, praying a writ of ad quod damnum, to affect certain lands on which they have built a water-mill; severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 27, 1782: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

On motion by Mr. Chase seconded by Mr. Seney, Leave given to bring in a bill for the discovery of confiscated British property; and Mr. Chase, Mr. Seney, Mr. Norris, Mr. Wilkinson,

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