

Therefore your committee beg leave to suggest to the honourable house, the appropriation of as much of the aforesaid funds as will be sufficient to redeem the officers and soldiers certificates now in their hands, and which have not been transferred, and such as may hereafter issue; which certificates, from a want of the pay due them from this state, they may (as the soldiers have heretofore been) from necessity be obliged to transfer at a most shameful and unreasonable discount, whereby the greater part of the well-earned pay due the soldiery may go into the pockets of others. This, in the opinion of your committee, is a very great grievance, and ought, as speedily as possible, to have a remedy by the general assembly. And your committee most sincerely hope, that those brave men, whose virtue, perseverance, and noble efforts, under the blessings of Providence, have been the salvation of their country, will from that country meet with that gratitude their services merit.

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

By order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read.

The bill for removing original papers in the late prerogative office to the several counties in this state, was read the second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Kent and Mr. Reynolds.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a remonstrance and petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick and Washington counties, praying that a longer time may be given for the first payment of the tax; also that the depreciated money paid into the treasury for debts due from the citizens of this state to persons in Great-Britain, may not be levied on the inhabitants of this state—a petition from Mary M'Culloch and others, praying an act may pass, vesting them with a power to dispose of the real and personal estate of Anthony Stewart—and a petition from John Bazill and others, praying the depreciation of their pay while in the army—severally endorsed; “By the senate, May 14, 1783: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

“By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.”

Which were read.

Benedict Edward Hall, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE Intendant of the revenue begs leave to lay before the general assembly several books and papers, in which are contained his official transactions; from whence it will appear,

1, 2, 3. That there is due, from the several collectors in the state, £. 8,995 19 specie; £. 151,923 4 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ , payable in specifics and the different emissions; and 112,793 $\frac{1}{2}$  of tobacco; as will appear by papers 1, 2, and 3.

4. That there are in the treasury, and in the hands of the commissioners of the tax, crop and transfer notes (after deducting 150,000 to make good losses on crop and transfer tobacco) the quantity of 1,424,934 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs.

That there is due from the state, for tobacco lent, including principal and interest, 130,000 lbs; and to Thomas Ridgate, for tobacco advanced Maurice Simmons, by order of the governor and council, 40,000 lbs. Vide account, No. 4.

5. That there is in circulation of the emission in consequence of the resolution of congress of the 18th of March, the sum of £. 40,432 8 8; of the emission of June 1780, commonly called black money, £. 37,694 4 3; and of the emission of May 1781, £. 50,142 3 3.

That the surpluses arising on these funds amount to the sum of £. 162,887 10 1, exclusive of the fund taxes, as per account No. 5.

6. That since last session, the intendant has sold 588 hogheads of tobacco, as per account No. 6.

7 and 8. That the commissary general, not having made returns since the first of September last, nor settled any accounts of his transactions whilst commissary, puts it out of the power of the intendant to make out regular accounts of the disposition of wheat; as far as these transactions have come to his knowledge, will appear by No. 7 and 8. But he must observe, in exculpation of Mr. Wilton, that the nature of the receipt and delivery of this specific is such, and so many hands to pass through, that will not only take time, but be difficult to close the account; for instance, there are perhaps in a county eight or ten different places of receipt, and if one of the receivers should be ignorant, negligent, or from any other cause, the accounts for that county cannot be closed whilst his remains unsettled.

9. State of the continental money.

That the intendant has repeatedly wrote to the commanding officer of the Maryland line since the last session for a return thereof, but has not as yet received any answer. Perhaps it may amount to 1200 men, including non-commissioned officers and privates, besides invalids, which may amount to 100 more.

The intendant begs leave to represent, that he thinks it highly expedient that the galley, barges, and several other species of property belonging to the state, be immediately sold, and the money arising therefrom specially appropriated. And as peace is now established, he begs leave  
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