

vernor and council he acted as surgeon to the matrosses, the galley-men, and occasionally the troops of the continental army, who at any time happened to be left sick at Annapolis, of which there were constantly some; that he continued to act in that station until the year seventeen hundred and eighty, when the galleys were sold, the officers and men discharged, and the matrosses having previously marched to join the continental army, or been discharged, his services were deemed no longer necessary; that for his services he was paid in depreciated continental money; and praying that the auditor-general might be directed to liquidate his accounts, and grant him a certificate for the depreciation of his pay, in the same mode that others have received it; and the several facts appearing to this general assembly to be true: Therefore, **RESOLVED**, That the auditor-general be and is hereby directed to adjust and settle the account of Dr. John Johnson, for the depreciation of his pay, and when the same shall be approved by the intendant, that he receive a certificate for the amount thereof.

The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Joseph Dashiell appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	De Butts,	Ware,	John Dashiell,	Digges,	Chaille,	Downes,
	Plowden,	Hindman,	Waters,	Chale,	Joseph Dashiell,	Steret,
	Carroll,	Roberts,	Elzey,	Quynn,	Beatty,	M'Mechen.
	Fraizer,	Gibson,	Steel,	Townshend,	Bond,	

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	N. Worthington,	Miller,	Oglevee,	Shriver,	Harcastle,	Swingle,
	Taney,	Bravard,	Johnson,	Norris,	Ceilar,	Oneale,
	Dent,	Job,	Seney,	Love,	Stull,	Edwards.
	Ridgely of Wm.					

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Downes.

The petition of Jean Chever, was read the second time and referred to Mr. Quynn, Mr. Carroll, and Mr. Ware, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Digges, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the journal of accounts; which was read the first and second time and assented to. Sent to the senate by Mr. Grahame.

Mr. Gantt brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to vest a legacy to the use of the presbyterian church near Bladensburg, in Prince-George's county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

By the **COMMITTEE** appointed to report on the petition of Richard Anderson, Perry Benson and James Bruff, late captains in the Maryland line.

YOUR committee beg leave to report, that upon consideration of said petition, and conversation with the petitioners, they think their prayer reasonable, and that the governor and council should be authorized to execute so much of the act of October session 1778, concerning disabled and maimed officers and soldiers, marines and seamen, as relates to commissioned officers of the Maryland line, and for this purpose should be vested with all the powers given to the justices of the orphans court by said law.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. **ORDERED**, That Mr. Carroll, Mr. Hindman, Mr. Harris, and Mr. Gantt, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The report on the petition of Nathaniel Smith, was read the second time and concurred with.

The bill to vest a legacy to the use of the presbyterian church near Bladensburg in Prince-George's county, was read the second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Gantt.

The supplement to the act for making the river Susquehanna navigable, was read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendment. Sent to the senate by Mr. Harris.

Amendment proposed. "Provided always, that such exemption from taxation shall extend to such works only as relate merely to, and are necessary for, the navigation of said canal."

Mr. Ware, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report on the petition of Jean Chever; which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

RESOLVED, That the intendant of the revenue be authorized and directed to settle any pay and rations that may be due to Nathaniel Smith, as an officer of the Maryland artillery, agreeable to a resolution passed December 12, 1778; and also that he allow him such reasonable compensation and pay for his services as commissary of prisoners, as is usual in like cases, and that the same be charged to the United States.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Bond.

Mr. Ridgely of William, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth Cromwell, relict of Stephen Cromwell of Baltimore county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find, that her husband by his will directed certain lands to be sold by his executrix, Elizabeth Cromwell aforesaid, for the payment of his debts, but gave no power expressly to make a conveyance for the same. Your committee are of opinion, that under the circumstances