

them incurred, and over and above the pay due to them at the time of their discharge, should receive one year's pay, deducting therefrom the money and value of the cloathing and other necessaries by them received, with a proviso that colonel Alexander Lawson Smith should hold the rank of lieutenant-colonel, as a supernumerary officer of this state, in the continental service, he having resigned his commission in the continental service for the purpose of accepting the command of the said regiment extraordinary, and being entitled to the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the continental army; and the governor and council were requested to write to the board of war, desiring them to make out a commission accordingly. And whereas, the public faith is plighted to the said Alexander Lawson Smith, by the said act, to secure to him the advantage incident to a lieutenant-colonel's commission in the continental service; therefore RESOLVED, That the auditor general be authorized and directed to liquidate and adjust the claim of the said Alexander Lawson Smith, to commutation as lieutenant-colonel in the continental service; and in the adjustment of the said claim, the auditor is hereby directed to deduct out of the five years commutation, the one year's pay advanced to the said Alexander Lawson Smith, over and above the pay for the time of his service in the regiment extraordinary, to the time of his discharge; and that the auditor be empowered to draw on the treasury for such sums of money as may be necessary to purchase final settlement certificates, to the amount of the balance due on the adjustment of the aforesaid claim, and deliver the same to colonel Smith, in full of his demands on this state as lieutenant-colonel; and that the same be charged to the United States.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of John Hamilton was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Faw appeared as follow:

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

Messieurs	Key,	Graves,	Ridgely of Wm. Waters,	F. Bowie,	Faw,
	T. Bond,	Fraizer,	Goldborough,	Hooper,	Chafe,
	De Butts,	Turner,	Bracco,	Ramsay,	Quynn,
	Lethrbury,	Stone,	Gale,	W. Bowie,	Chaille,

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	B. Worthington,	Stevenson,	Oglevee,	Sewell,	Love,	Funk,
	N. Worthington,	Edmondson,	Miller,	Beatty,	Stell,	Oneale,
	Taney,	John Dashiell,	R. Bowie,	Norris,	Ceilers,	Wootton.
	Ridgey,	Adams,	John Seney,			

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for a more equal distribution of the estates of persons insolvent, deceased. ORDERED, That Mr. Bracco, Mr. Carroll, and Mr. Steret, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Joseph Dashiell, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the vestry of Stepney parish, in Somerset and Worcester counties, to settle and pay the debts of the parish, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The report on the petition of Thomas Harwood the third, and others, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, January 9, 1786.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Key and Mr. Cramphin. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The resolution respecting colonel Alexander Lawson Smith was read the second time, and the question put, that the house assent thereto? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

THE committee appointed to consider the petition of John Fitch, beg leave to report, That they have endeavoured to obtain an adequate idea of the machine mentioned in the said petition, and from the great quantity of motion that may be produced by the elastic force of steam, the committee are strongly inclined to believe the probability of the success promised by the theory. Your committee beg leave to observe, that the state and condition of our finances is such, that no advance of public money can be made to assist the petitioner in bringing his theory to experiment, however desirable it may be to a liberal and enlightened legislature to encourage works of genius, and promote the useful arts. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the suppression of vice and immorality. ORDERED, That Mr. Beatty, Mr. Joseph Dashiell, Mr. Chafe, Mr. Adams, and Mr. Taney, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. F. Bowie brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the further relief of the securities of Thomas Williams, deceased, late collector of the tax and public dues in Prince-George's county, and for other purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.