

Mr. James Bond and Mr. Hall appeared in the house.

Mr. Carroll, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to regulate the building and erecting of wharfs in the port of the city of Annapolis; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to erect a town in Talbot county was read the second time and passed.

RESOLVED, That the auditor-general be directed to adjust and settle the accounts of John Hamilton, agent to the Maryland line, and allow him the sum of sixty dollars per month, deducting the money he has already received, and charge the same to the United States, agreeably to the resolves of congress of the 27th of May, 1785; which sum, so audited, the treasurer of the western shore is hereby ordered and directed to pay; and the said John Hamilton is hereby ordered and directed to deliver into the hands of the governor and council, all the certificates which may remain in his hands on a final adjustment of his accounts, and their receipt shall exonerate him to the amount thereof from any receipt he may have given to the continental commissioner.

A letter from the intendant of the revenue of the 7th instant, enclosing letters from the treasurer and auditor-general, respecting the expenditures of public monies, was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to allow a further time to compound on old certificates returned under the former government, and for other purposes. ORDERED, That Mr. Bracco, Mr. Faw, and Mr. Oneale, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Manuel, a languishing prisoner in Cæcil county gaol, beg leave to report, That the facts stated in the said petition are true, and are of opinion that a law ought to pass to liberate the said Thomas Manuel, upon his giving up all his property for the benefit of his creditors. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDBER, clk.

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

The report on the petition of Henry Brothers was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.

Mr. B. Worthington, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report on the petition of the Miss Hoods; which was read.

The bill for erecting a town in Talbot county, and the resolutions respecting colonel Alexander Lawton Smith and John Hamilton, were sent to the senate by Mr. Bracco.

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

THE committee, to whom was referred the petition of doctor Charles Frederick Wiefenthal, beg leave to report, That they have examined into the several facts set forth in the said petition, and find, that in the month of March 1777, the said doctor Wiefenthal was appointed, by the general assembly, surgeon-general to the quota of troops raised by this state, and that his pay was thirty-five shillings per day, and no rations; that the said doctor Wiefenthal entered on his duty in the month of April following; that a state hospital (or an hospital for the reception and care of the sick, wounded, or disabled officers and soldiers of the troops of this state in the service of the United States) was erected in Baltimore-town, under the direction of the said doctor Wiefenthal, and he superintended the said hospital from the month of April 1777 until the first of January 1782; that at the time this state hospital was erected, an hospital on the continental establishment was also fixed in Baltimore-town, which the director-general requested the said doctor Wiefenthal to take under his care and management, and which he did, with the approbation of the governor and the council of this state, until October 1778, when the continental hospital was removed from Baltimore; but the governor and the council directed the said doctor Wiefenthal to continue to receive and take care of any continental troops passing and repassing through the said town, which the director-general approved of, and directed doctor Finley to deliver his charge to the said doctor Wiefenthal, and to repair to Philadelphia; that at different times, between the months of April 1777 and October 1778, the director-general furnished the said doctor Wiefenthal with sums of continental money to the amount of £. 1013 5 0 of the real value of £. 279 4 3 specie. Your committee further report, that, in pursuance of a resolution of the general assembly in December 1780, the auditor-general adjusted an account with the said doctor Wiefenthal, in which he was allowed pay from the first of November 1778 to the first of January 1781, and the sum of £. 138 2 7 for sundries furnished by him to the continental hospital, and expences paid for the use of the continent; and the general assembly directed, that said account should be charged to the United States.

Your committee further report, That the reason assigned by doctor Wiefenthal for not charging the state with pay from April 1777 to November 1778, in the account passed, was because of the continental money advanced him by the director-general, and that he expected the depreciation of the said money would have been made up to him by congress, which has been refused, as he was not an officer on the continental establishment.

Your committee further report, That in pursuance of the resolution of the general assembly of December 1780, which empowered the governor and the council to advance money to the said doctor Wiefenthal, for the temporary relief of sick continental troops, there was paid to him in July 1781, the sum of £. 40 0 0 in the state emission, (commonly called red money) which the said doctor Wiefenthal alleges at the time was only of the value of £. 20 0 0 specie, and for which he claims to be allowed the difference.

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