

The bill to suspend the erecting the public buildings in Harford county, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Beatty appeared as follow:

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

Yeas	T Bond,	N. Worthington,	Jones,	John Dashiell,	Digges,	Chaille,
	De Batts,	C rroll,	Edmondson,	Waters,	F Bowie,	Joseph Dashiell,
	ethroury,	Grahame,	Goldsbrough,	Ramsfy,	Chafe,	Purnell,
	Graves,	Taney,	Gale,	W. Bowie,	Sewell,	Driver.
	B. Worthington,					

N E G A T I V E.

Nays	Turner,	Stevenfon,	Quynn,	Norris,	Hughlett,	Cellars,
	Stone,	Baker.	John Seney,	Love,	M Mechen,	Funk,
	Rigely,	Oglevee,	Faw,	J. Bond,	Steret,	Oneale,
	Ridgeiy of Wm. Miller,		Beatty,	Wheeler,	Stull,	Wootton.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Purnell.

Mr. Hughlett has leave of absence

John Smith, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

To the honourable the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND.

THE auditor hopes the honourable the general assembly will excuse his not having before this time made a report of his transactions respecting depreciation certificates fraudulently obtained; he begs leave to inform their honours, that the delay has been occasioned by his not having received answers to letters lately written, to the comptroller of Pennsylvania and others, upon that subject, he now presents to the general assembly two lists, numbered 1 and 2, of those stopped at the treasuries, amounting to £. 6187 7 5, and also a list marked A of stoppages made from the final settlements of the soldiers therein mentioned, amounting to £. 4294 10 8, making together £. 10481 18 1.

The errors in the depreciation accounts of the last, arose from the soldiers having antedated the time of their enlistments, and in some instances having received the depreciation of their pay twice.

The honourable assembly will see a particular account, by referring to the papers No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, of the frauds by soldiers of the German regiment, and he flatters himself it will appear, that it was hardly possible to prevent imposition, so artfully had the persons concerned in the frauds taken their measures.

By the letter of Mr. Nichollson, comptroller of Pennsylvania, No. 6, it will appear that captain Bunner, who signed the discharges by which the certificates were obtained, was under recognizance to answer for a similar practice in Pennsylvania.

The auditor begs leave to suggest to the general assembly the propriety of giving their directions, to the end that the said Bunner be brought to justice for his share of the frauds perpetrated in this state. Captain Bunner had been settled with by the United States before the detection of these frauds, otherwise his final settlements might have been stopped, until he had made satisfaction to the state. George Stauffer, the person who received the greatest part of the German frauds, lives in North Carolina, and possibly might be come at, and brought to account. He is said to be in good circumstances.

The auditor has given information to the grand juries of the general court, and county court of Anne Arundel, against Thomas Giffen and others on charges of forgery, and although bills of indictment have been found against them, they have not been brought to justice; the reason why, the auditor is unacquainted with. He hath also applied by letter to the attorney general, to pursue some mode of bringing a certain John Dove to account for several certificates fraudulently obtained by him (Dove), to which no answer is received.

The auditor further begs the attention of the honourable assembly to the following case, viz. A certain person, calling himself Nicholas Nicholls, presented a discharge in that name, and satisfactorily answering the questions usually asked by the auditor on such occasions, received the depreciation due upon the discharge, and signed the name Nicholas Nicholls upon the account; since which a brother of the said Nicholls has applied for the depreciation, alleging that he delivered the discharge of his deceased brother to a man named Jeffers, to be by the said Jeffers brought to Annapolis, only to see what could be got upon it. The auditor has refused to give another certificate, as not thinking himself blameable, the discharge of a soldier, presented in the manner abovementioned; being every where considered as the best voucher which can be produced of the justice of the claim. The payment of the certificates has been stopped at the treasury at the request of the brother, who is administrator, but he still insists upon having another certificate from the state. There are other certificates which have been obtained in the same manner, all of which the auditor has refused to renew, and as he has been threatened with suits, he begs the honourable assembly will take such order in the matter as in their wisdom they shall think fit.

The auditor requests the particular direction of the honourable assembly respecting the following case, viz. A person who has taken the management (for the benefit of the securities) of the collection of arrears due to an insolvent collector of taxes, deceased, has presented for liquidation certain certificates for hories purchased, and supplies of beef and wheat, in the year 1781, which were discountable in taxes, and the auditor believes were received by the collector in discharge of the taxes of several individuals. The auditor has refused to liquidate them in the common form, because the estate and securities of the collector were, at the time of receipt, and still are,