

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Stephen Onion, of Baltimore county, beg leave to report, that they have examined the allegations therein contained, and find them truly stated, and are of opinion that the prayer of the said petition is reasonable, and ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDBER, clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of Jason Jenkins, was read the second time and concurred with. Whereas it appears to this general assembly, that on the 23d day of June, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, Zephaniah Turner, Esquire, then auditor-general, granted to Jason Jenkins a depreciation certificate, No. 4181, for £. 60 9 4, being the balance due him as a sergeant in the first Maryland regiment, and that some time in the year 1786, the said Jason Jenkins accidentally lost the said certificate, and that he hath not since received or heard of the same; and it appearing reasonable and just, that the said Jason Jenkins, who was justly entitled to the said certificate, should not suffer by the accidental loss aforesaid, RESOLVED, That the auditor-general be, and he is hereby directed to grant another certificate of the amount aforesaid to the said Jason Jenkins, or his order, in lieu of the former, the said Jason Jenkins previously giving security in double the sum aforesaid, to be approved of by the auditor, to indemnify the state against the payment of the certificate lost as aforesaid; and that the bond to be taken as aforesaid, be lodged with the treasurer of the western shore.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Digges.

The report on the petition of Henry Brooke, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Resolved in the affirmative.

The memorial of Thomas Jenings, was read the second time, and referred to Mr. Chase, Mr. B. Worthington and Mr. Quynn, to consider and report thereon.

The amendments to the bill respecting the continuance of civil suits in the general and county courts, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Charles Stansbury and Benjamin R. Talbotts, of Baltimore county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into their consideration, and believe the facts to be true, and recommend that they receive the same indulgence that has been granted to others in the like circumstances. The committee further beg leave to inform the house, that their debt is £. 115 8 3¹/₂, and they now offer to pay £. 90, and the remainder on or before the first of February next. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Francis Clements, of Montgomery county, setting forth, that he was possessed with a state certificate in his own name for the sum of £. 69 10 3 currency, which was by accident lost, and praying a new certificate of the same tenor may issue, upon his giving security to indemnify this state, in case the said certificate should appear to be paid; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Holmes, Mr. Oneale, Mr. Joshua Seney and Mr. Chapman, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Joshua Seney, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 8, 1787.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE received your message of the fifth instant by William Hemsley, Esquire, and are equally anxious with your honours to rise and close the present session. The subject of supplies for the ensuing year hath been under our consideration, and this house considering the large amount of the arrears of taxes, as also the probability of our meeting in the spring or summer, have resolved to impose no assessment the present year. We shall cheerfully co-operate with you in so dispatching the public business as to render our stay here as short as possible. We propose to rise on the day mentioned in your message, and flatter ourselves nothing will be wanting on the part of your honours to enable us thereto.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and sent to the senate by Mr. John Seney.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Tucker, of Cambridge, in Dorchester county, and the counter petition of William Akers, of Talbot county, respecting the ferry kept by the said William Akers across Choptank river, from his landing on the Talbot shore to the town of Cambridge, beg leave to report, that they have examined into the merits of the petitions aforesaid, and find that there is a public road leading from Talbot court-house by Chancellor's point across Choptank river to Cambridge, and that the distance is about twenty miles; that the road leading from Talbot court-house to Akers's landing, opposite Cambridge, is a private road, a part of which, for the distance of about a mile and a quarter, has been made by the said William Akers and his brother at their private expence through the land of the said William Akers, and the distance is about fourteen miles; that the said William Akers has obtained a licence from Talbot county court to keep a ferry from his landing aforesaid to Cambridge, and also licence from the court of Dorchester county to keep a ferry from Cambridge to the said landing, and has entered into recognizance as the law directs. The committee are of opinion, that so long as the said William Akers shall keep the said ferry agreeably to the tenor of his recognizance, that he ought not