

claims are adjusted; **RESOLVED**, That the treasurer of the western district be and he is hereby authorized and required to issue certificates to those whose claims have been duly admitted, for the proportion thereof as they would respectively be entitled to receive if all the claims exhibited against the said Christie's estate, and now depending before the auditor, were allowed.

A memorial from the officers, late of the Maryland line, respecting the lands to the westward of Fort Cumberland reserved for the use of the soldiers, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed to consider and report on the letter and papers of Francis Dearness, junior.

Mr. Faw, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: **THE** committee of claims, to whom was specially referred the petition of John Parker, of Prince-George's county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the subject matter to them referred under consideration, and find the following facts therein stated to be true.

That at a county court held in Prince-George's county on the 26th day of June, 1786, a certain negro Dick, the property of the petitioner, was convicted of a rape on the body of a certain Anne Dongle, on which verdict judgment was given against him, that he should be hanged, and that the said negro Dick was valued at one hundred and twenty pounds; that on the 7th day of December, 1786, the governor was pleased to grant a pardon to the said negro Dick, on the express conditions, that the said John Parker should, within thirty days after delivery thereof, or as soon after as the weather and other circumstances would permit, transport said negro Dick to some one of the West-India islands, or otherwise beyond the sea, never to return again.

That on the 14th day of May, 1787, Nicholas Blacklock, Esquire, Sheriff of said county, discharged said negro Dick out of his custody, giving him a pass to return to his said master, with a letter of the same date to his master, informing him to come down and receive the conditions of his pardon.

That the conditions contained in said pardon were not complied with, nor the negro executed pursuant to his sentence of Prince-George's county court, but made his escape after being liberated, out of gaol, was taken up in Frederick county, confined in said gaol, then sold out for his fees to a certain Thomas Price, and is now supposed to be in possession of said Thomas Price.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.
By order, J. KNAPP, CLERK.

Which was read.
The bill to encourage the destroying of wolves, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Chapman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: **THE** committee to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas Ruxton Moore, beg leave to report, that upon examining the subject matter of said petition, they believe the facts to be as represented, but as no law exists, entitling others similarly circumstanced to relief, they are of opinion, that the legislature cannot consistently grant the prayer of the petitioner in this instance, unless extended generally. All which is submitted to the honourable house.
By order, J. KNAPP, CLERK.

Which was read.
The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. **ORDERED**, That Mr. Comegys, Mr. Waggaman, Mr. Faw, Mr. Forrest, Mr. O'Neale, Mr. J. S. Purnell and Mr. Lecompte, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Chilton, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: **THE** committee to whom was referred the petition of Ignatius Abell, inspector of tobacco at Leonard-town warehouse, Saint-Mary's county, beg leave to report, that they have inquired into the subject matter of the petition, and believe the facts therein stated to be true, and are of opinion that a law ought to pass, empowering the justices of Saint-Mary's county court to make strict inquiry into the circumstances of the case, and if, after such inquiry, they are of opinion that the said tobacco was not lost by the negligence, inattention or fault, of the said petitioner or proprietor of said warehouse, may assess, on the taxable inhabitants of Saint-Mary's county, a sum of money not exceeding the value of the tobacco that may appear to them to have been lost. All which is submitted to the honourable house.
By order, J. KNAPP, CLERK.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. **ORDERED**, That Mr. Forrest, Mr. Chilton, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Duval and Mr. Abell, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.
The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, November, 25 1788.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.
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 Adam Fonerden, of Baltimore town, beg leave to report, that they have examined the facts therein stated, and are of opinion that a law ought to pass, granting the petitioner an exclusive right to make and vend the machine called a Card-teeth Cutter, for a limited number of years, provided it shall not be proved within the time that