

such valuation to return to and file with the treasurer of the western shore; and that upon such valuation and return being made as aforesaid, the treasurer should issue certificates, as in other like cases, to persons whose claims against the estate of the said Sir Robert Eden have been, or shall be before the first of August next, duly allowed and certified by the auditor; provided that such claims be exhibited before the first of June next, and that the amount of certificates issued do not exceed the amount of the said valuation. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Samuel Thomas, late collector of the tax for Talbot county, setting forth, that he could not complete his collection within the time limited by law, and praying to be released from the payment of interest; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. J. Tilghman, jun. Mr. Seney and Mr. Worthington, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Thomas Smyth, jun. late an officer in the Maryland line, praying the depreciation of his pay, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Forrest, Mr. Seney and Mr. J. Tilghman, jun. to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Robert Amos, collector of Harford county, praying the commissioners of the tax may be empowered to grant him such allowance for insolvencies as may appear reasonable and just, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on the petition of William Robinson.

A petition from Samuel Groom Osborne, of Harford county, praying the commissioners of the tax for Harford county may be empowered to grant him such allowance for insolvencies as may appear reasonable and just, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of William Robinson.

A petition from John Mason, of Harford county, praying an act may pass, empowering the clerk of the land office to insert two courses on the records of the land office, of a tract of land lying in Harford county, called Archibald Roilo's Addition, that were omitted in the said records, though inserted in the original certificate and patent, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. W. Tilghman, Mr. Pinkney and Mr. Murray, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. O'Neale, Mr. Seney, Mr. Ridgely, of William, Mr. Crabb and Mr. Cockey, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom were referred the petition and remonstrance of sundry inhabitants of Bush or Harford-town, in Harford county, and the counter petition thereto, beg leave to report, that from such information as your committee have been able to obtain on the subject matter of the said petition, they are induced to believe, that the alteration proposed by the commissioners in the running of that part of the post road between Bush and Havre-de-Grace would, if permitted to take place, be a very great oppression on many of the petitioners, without producing any public advantage. From a plot which has been laid before your committee they find, that the distance saved by the projected alteration is only sixteen perches and a half; that the road in its new direction will pass over a miry ground for the extent of about thirty perches, and over James's run at a place where it is eight perches across, and extremely inconvenient for the erection of a bridge. Your committee (though they have no positive evidence of the fact) believe that many persons who have purchased lots in the neighbourhood of Bush, have been induced to give a higher price for such lots on account of their bounding on, or being situated convenient to, the old road, and perhaps in many instances the situation was the principal inducement to purchase; and the committee are of opinion, that the advantages which these persons expected to derive from this circumstance, and with a view to which they have improved their purchases, ought not to be wrested from their hands, unless some considerable public advantage is to be the consequence of it.

Your committee find also from the plot before mentioned, and other sources of information, that the soil of the old road is in general as good as can be obtained in that part of the county for the purpose, and that it crosses James's run at the most convenient and narrow part thereof. Upon the whole, your committee are of opinion, that the intended alteration of the road would be an oppressive violation of private advantages without being founded in any claims of public utility.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

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

Mr. Faw brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore do grant unto David Poe, late quartermaster for the district of Baltimore, a certificate, payable for all state taxes not appropriated to congress, for the amount of a judgment obtained against him by Edward Gaither in Baltimore county court, with all legal costs of both plaintiff and defendant; and one other certificate, payable as aforesaid, for the amount of a judgment obtained against the said David Poe by Josias Bowen in the said court, with costs as aforesaid, being for forage purchased of the said persons by the said Poe for the use of the United States while he acted in the department aforesaid.

And, whereas a suit has been instituted by Thomas Cockey Deye, Esquire, against the said David Poe, in the general court for the western shore, for the price of thirty-four tons of hay purchased of him by the said David Poe while he acted in the said department, for the use of the contingent; RESOLVED, That on a judgment being rendered in the said suit on verdict against the said