

applied as directed by the act above mentioned) to pass his receipt, and thereupon the said Benjamin Rogers be entitled to a patent on the certificate.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

A memorial from Gabriel Peterfon Vanhorn, praying an extension of the exclusive right vested in him by act of assembly, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, of William, Mr. Matthews, Mr. O'Neale, Mr. W. Tilghman and Mr. Dorsey, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to repeal the act, entitled, An act to alter the place for holding elections for delegates to the general assembly in Baltimore county, was sent to the senate by Mr. Ridgely.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial and petition of Corbin Washington and Bushrod Washington, executors of the last will and testament of John Augustine Washington, deceased, beg leave to report; that the net balance of the sales of the property of the Principio company, so far as the same have been settled, amounts to the sum of seventy-one thousand three hundred and ninety-eight pounds fifteen shillings and four-pence farthing; that the said John Augustine Washington was entitled to one eighth of eleven twelfths of said property, being eight thousand one hundred and eighty-one pounds two shillings and two-pence, of which Mr. Washington has been paid three thousand eight hundred and fifty pounds two shillings and six-pence, leaving a balance due to his executors of four thousand three hundred and thirty pounds nineteen shillings and eight-pence.

The committee are informed, that there are some claims yet unsettled against the property of the said company, and are therefore of opinion that it would be improper, at this time, to pay to the executors of Mr. Washington the full balance of their proportion of the sales, but recommend a payment of two thousand pounds on account, and that the treasurer of the western shore issue one or more certificates to that amount to the executors of Mr. Washington; and that the said certificates be on a footing with other state certificates, for the redemption of which on the first day of January, 1790, a fund is established by law.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying that commissioners may be appointed to open and lay out a road in the straightest and most convenient manner from the Great Falls of Gunpowder, at a place known by the name of Meredith's Ford, until it intersects the main road leading from Baltimore-town to York-town at a place called Buck's Old Field, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Cockey, Mr. J. M'Pherson and Mr. Crabb, to consider and report thereon.

The petition of Henry Addison, was read, and referred to Mr. O'Neale, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Craufurd, Mr. Dent and Mr. W. Bowie, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Faw, from the committee of claims, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

BY THE COMMITTEE OF CLAIMS.

YOUR committee, in the line of their duty, beg leave to report, that they have examined the accounts of Henry Dickinson, Esquire, treasurer of the eastern shore, rendered them by colonel William Richardson, by which it appears the following sums in specie, black state and continental state money, and certificates, have been received by him in discount of taxes and duties, from the 17th November, 1787, to the 9th of December, 1788, to wit: The sum of £. 4,843 2 6 in specie, the sum of £. 5,149 13 6 in state and continental state money, and the sum of £. 2,775 9 2½ in different species of certificates, including the interest thereon, as also for marriage and ordinary licences, and fines and forfeitures, for the year 1787, to the amount of £. 1,442 0 11, whereof it appears the sum of £. 1,250 have been paid to the orders of the governors and visitors of Washington college, and the balance of £. 192 2 11 to have been paid to the treasurer of the western shore, as per his receipts and vouchers produced; that it appears to your committee, from the receipts and vouchers produced to them, that the said eastern shore treasurer hath paid over to the treasurer of the western shore the several sums of specie and paper money by him received, and in his hands on the 9th December, 1788, aforesaid; and that the certificates have been cancelled and lodged in the auditor's office. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By orders

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, beg leave to report, that they have taken into consideration said petition, and find that the petitioners are purchasers of certain confiscated property at and near the Head of Elk, formerly belonging to Robert Alexander, and bonds were given for said property, payable in specie only, which bonds are appropriated by the third section of the consolidating act, for the redemption of the two emissions of June, 1780; and that by the fifth section of the said act, any creditor of the state on certificate on interest, or his assignee, shall be allowed to discount such debt with the interest out of any debt due by such creditor, or his assignee, except only the bonds appropriated and laid apart as aforesaid, which can only be discharged in those emissions or specie.

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