

Your committee beg leave to suggest their opinion, that it appears to them there is no probability the holders of those emissions will in any degree be injured, as said emissions are receivable in payment of all taxes, except the ten shilling tax and duties appropriated to congress, and a very great part of them has already been paid into the treasury;—and, under this impression, they think it will be just and reasonable to give the petitioners, and others similarly circumstanced, the liberty of discounting their debts to the state in certificates on interest, as mentioned in the first part of the fifth section of the law aforesaid.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. J. Tilghman, junior, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Smyth, junior, beg leave to report, that as the petitioner was in actual service the full time to entitle him to an allowance for depreciation, your committee are of opinion that it would be extremely hard for him to be deprived of the benefit of the law, from the circumstance of having passed part of it in the flying camp, a service equal, at least in point of severity, to the regular.

Your committee are therefore of opinion, that the house should pass a resolve, directing the auditor to grant him a certificate of depreciation on his pay during his time of service as a regular officer.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from John Sewell, of Talbot county, praying to be divorced from his wife, who has had a mulatto child, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Forrest, Mr. Reed, Mr. Fitzhugh, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Kerr and Mr. J. Tilghman, junior, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. J. Tilghman, junior, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petitions of Samuel Thomas and William Banckes, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into their consideration, and find the facts therein contained to be true. The committee are therefore of opinion a resolution ought to pass, releasing them from the payment of interest. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDR, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from sundry warranted pilots, stating, that they have experienced great inconveniences from the defects in the law by which they have heretofore been governed, and praying a supplementary law, obliging all vessels to and from sea, (except vessels belonging to the state of Maryland) not exceeding nine feet draught of water, to take and engage pilots, or pay full pilotage, &c. was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Forrest, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Ridgely, of William, Mr. J. M'Pherison and Mr. Dorsey, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from John Sterett, and others, of Cecil county, relative to a tract of land within the limits of Talbot's manor, in said county, called the Widow's Lot, confiscated as the property of Samuel Hyde, and sold by the late intendant of the revenue to a certain James Gordon Heron, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Steele, Mr. O'Neale, Mr. Duvall and Mr. Matthews, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Joshua Townsend, collector of Worcester county, praying a further time may be allowed him to complete his collections, was preferred, and read.

A petition from William Hammond, of Baltimore-town, praying an act may pass, empowering him to build and erect a floating bridge across Hammond's ferry, on Patapsco river; also to erect a turnpike on said bridge for the receipt of reasonable toll, and to straighten the road from said ferry to the Baltimore company's iron-works, on the way to Baltimore-town; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Ridgely, of William, Mr. Potts, Mr. Chase and Mr. Forrest, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from William Paddison and Sarah his wife, praying to be relieved from the penalties incurred by their marrying contrary to law, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Shaw, Mr. Sney and Mr. Waggaman, to consider and report thereon.

A remonstrance from Harry Dorsey Gough, of Baltimore county, praying permission to discharge in final settlement certificates a debt which a certain Stephen Onion, (a bankrupt,) contracted with the state, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Thomas Bond Onion.

A petition from Samuel Beall, of Virginia, praying to be allowed to send certain family slaves into this state, to attend on the persons of his children during their continuance in this state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Forrest, Mr. Faw and Mr. J. Tilghman, to consider and report thereon.

A memorial from sundry inhabitants of the city of Annapolis, praying permission to remove the methodist meeting-house, and leave to place the same on the public circle, where the old market-house formerly stood, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Quynn, Mr. Forrest, Mr. Duvall, Mr. Comegys and Mr. Ridgely, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Charles Worthington, of George-town, in Montgomery county, praying for leave to bring from the state of Virginia certain slaves into this state, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Samuel Beall.