

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Kilty, in behalf of himself and others, late officers of the Maryland line, beg leave to report, that they have examined the allegations therein contained, and find them true.

Your committee are therefore of opinion, as this state stands credited on the books of the United States with one month's pay in specie more than they paid to Mr. William Kilty for his services as surgeon in the Maryland line, with three or four officers more who remain in the same situation with himself, it is but justice to place them on an equal footing with other their brother officers who received the aforesaid one month's pay.

Your committee are therefore of opinion a resolution ought to pass, empowering the governor and council to draw on the treasurer of the western shore, in favour of the aforesaid William Kilty and those officers of the Maryland line so circumstanced, for one month's pay each, who shall appear to them to have credited this state for four months pay on a settlement with the United States, and received only three months as aforesaid.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, 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 Henry Addison, of Prince-George's county, clerk, beg leave to report their opinion, that it will be proper to vest said Addison with the right of this state in a small parcel of land in Cecil county, twenty-five or thirty acres, for the purpose of selling the same to pay his just debts ; but that the other part of the prayer of said petition ought not, at this time, to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Robert Ferguson, of Charles county, praying to be allowed permission to bring certain slaves from the commonwealth of Virginia into this state, which he acquired by marriage, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Samuel Beall.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas Merryman, of Baltimore county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the subject matter therein contained into consideration, and find that the said Nicholas Merryman was appointed, in 1774, one of the supervisors of the public roads for Baltimore county, and had received the sum of £. 300 sterling to assist in carrying said trust into execution, and, in consequence of obstructions and difficulties that were thrown in the way, was prevented, and did not expend the money in the manner it was intended ; and that the convention in 1776, directed all such supervisors, who had monies in their hands unapplied, to return the same into the office ; and find, by vouchers produced, that, in obedience to said order, the said Nicholas Merryman paid on the 23d of October, 1776, to Messieurs Eddis and Clapham the sum of £. 258 8 3 sterling ; and that, on the 9th of November, Messieurs Charles Gorsuch and Archibald Buchanan paid for said Nicholas Merryman the further sum of £. 62 8 0 sterling, on the same account, by which it appears, that the said Nicholas Merryman paid the sum of £. 200 16 3 sterling more than he was indebted to the public, and hath received no compensation for such sum so overpaid.

Your committee are therefore of opinion, that the treasurer of the western shore ought to be directed to issue a certificate or certificates, discountable in taxes, to the said Nicholas Merryman, for thirty-four pounds thirteen shillings and nine-pence currency.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDBER, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and thereupon

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed, to issue a certificate, receivable in any unappropriated taxes, to Nicholas Merryman, for the sum of thirty-four pounds thirteen shillings and nine-pence current money, to reimburse the said Nicholas Merryman for the money he overpaid to the commissioners of the loan-office, as a supervisor of the public roads in Baltimore county.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Edward Barrett, of Anne-Arundel county, beg leave to report, that upon examination they find the facts to be truly stated by the petitioner. The committee further find, that the labour of his servant appears to have been the only means by which the petitioner could be enabled to pay the money he agreed to give for him, and that he still remains indebted for the said servant, without a prospect of being able to pay for him, unless the legislature will grant him the relief prayed for.

The committee are therefore of opinion, that under the peculiar circumstances of the petitioner's case, it is right and proper that the relief prayed for should be granted. And your committee are further of opinion, that a law should pass, compelling those servants who may be condemned to public labour under the act passed at May session, 1788, to serve their masters after the time of public labour