

Mr. Digges, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom the petition of John Beall was referred, beg leave to report, that they have examined the vouchers accompanying said petition, and are of opinion a resolve should pass, directing the auditor to liquidate and pass the account of the said John Beall for twenty-four pounds five shillings, and that the treasurer of the western shore grant a certificate therefor. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

E. VALLETTE, clk.

Which was read.

The bill to lay a further tax on the people of Harford county to complete the public buildings of said county, and for other purposes, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Taylor.

The report on the petition of the inhabitants of Cæcil county who were formerly in the Delaware and Pennsylvania governments, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. W. Tilghman, Mr. Matthews and Mr. Potts, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry merchants of Baltimore-town, beg leave to report, that they have taken the said petition into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof should be granted, and recommend the following resolution, viz.

RESOLVED, That the naval officer of Baltimore-town discount with, or refund to, the merchants in Baltimore-town, the amount of the duties on salt lost on the twenty-fourth day of July last past, by the high tide at that time, which may have been bonded for or paid; provided the person or persons applying for such discount or refunding shall produce a certificate from the governor and council, ascertaining, upon evidence to be given them, the quantity of salt lost by such person or persons on the said twenty-fourth day of July last.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of William Paddison and wife, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Resolved in the affirmative, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Murray, Mr. Shaw and Mr. Wagaman, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the more effectual punishment of criminals in Baltimore county. ORDERED, That Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Duvall and Mr. Quym, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Richard Ridgely, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the relief of the creditors of Anthony Stewart, endorsed; "By the senate, December 9, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

" By the senate, December 15, 1788: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendment.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Amendment proposed. In the second page and third line, after the word "creditors," strike out to the end of the bill, and insert, "provided the trustees so to be appointed pay to the treasurer of the western shore, before the said treasurer deliver up the bonds in his possession, all expences which have accrued to the state, by commission or otherwise, in the sale of the said property."

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The bill for the relief of Patrick Edwards, of Kent county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 13, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

" By the senate, December 16, 1788: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendment.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Amendment proposed. In the second page and third line, after the word "notwithstanding," strike out to the end of the bill, and insert, "saving to all person and persons, and bodies politic and corporate, not named herein, their several and respective rights, acquired antecedent to the passage of this act."

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The resolution in favour of David Poe, endorsed; "By the senate, December 15, 1788: Read and assented to with the proposed amendment.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Amendment proposed. After the word "costs," in the second line from the bottom, insert, "provided always, that no certificate shall issue as aforesaid to the said David Poe, by the treasurer of the western shore, until he obtain an authenticated certificate from the board of treasury, or other proper department for the United States, that he hath accounted for the several sums of money advanced to him by this state on account of the United States, particularised in an account under the hand of the auditor-general of Maryland, to be laid before the said board of treasury, or other proper officer or department for the United States, by the said David Poe, and that he hath had no credit with the United States for the several claims for which he now requests certificates; and the said David Poe, before the obtaining the said certificates from the treasurer of the western shore, shall also give bond, with