

that it appears just and reasonable that the prayers of the said petitions should be granted. The committee therefore submit the following resolutions to the honourable house:

RESOLVED, That the naval officer of the fourth naval district be directed to allow to Benjamin Laming the drawback on five thousand four hundred and eighty-eight gallons of rum exported in the schooner William, Richard Johns, master, the twelfth of October, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven.

RESOLVED, That the naval officer of the fourth district be directed to allow to John Sterett and Co. the drawback on goods exported by them in the schooner Friendship, the sloop Betsey, and brigantine Antelope, amounting to one hundred and seventy-six pounds four shillings and eight-pence, and to deduct the said amount from any bonds of John Sterett and Co. or Samuel Sterett, which remain unpaid in the said naval office for goods imported into this state, the certificates of the landing and entry of the imported goods in New-York and Charles-town being previously lodged with the said naval officer.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, December 18, 1788.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Craufurd, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to revive and aid the proceedings of Prince-George's county court; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to revive and aid the proceedings of Prince-George's county court, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Craufurd.

The bill to enable William Hammond, of Baltimore county, to erect a floating bridge across Patapsco river, at a place called Hammond's Ferry, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Murray.

The report on the petition of James Doran, was read the second time and concurred with.

Mr. Shaw, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An additional supplementary act to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor in the counties of Dorchester and Somerset; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Shaw, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to settle and pay the civil list, and other expences of civil government; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Patrick Kelly, beg leave to report, that they have taken the subject matter into their consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that a resolution ought to pass, empowering the auditor-general to liquidate the depreciation on his pay, and grant him a certificate therefor.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Beriah Maybury, beg leave to report, that evidence has been laid before them on the part of the petitioner to verify the allegations contained in his petition, but your committee are unable to form any decisive opinion on the subject without further information, which they despair of obtaining before the close of the session. A certificate has been produced to your committee, signed by the late governor, from which it appears, that the sum of £.240 12 4 was paid by him to the late intendant, in behalf of Mr. Pendergast, on account of the purchase of lot No. 59, and very shortly thereafter; for which sum Mr. Pendergast does not appear to have been credited. Testimony, though not sufficiently positive, has also been adduced to prove, that lot No. 59 was purchased under an idea (expressed at the time) that the reversion thereof was expectant on one life only; and that the said reversion in fact is, and then was, expectant on two lives. On the other hand, your committee are informed, that although the sum of £.240 12 4 was actually paid to the late intendant by the late governor, in behalf of Mr. Pendergast, yet that the said Pendergast had them restored to him before he bonded; of this your committee, however, have no satisfactory evidence. Upon the whole, your committee are of opinion, that as a full knowledge of the circumstances of the case cannot be obtained in the course of this session, and as there appear to be probable grounds for relief from what has already been disclosed, the petitioner's application should be referred to the consideration of the next session, and that in the mean time all proceedings on his bond be staid and suspended. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

E. VALLETTE, clk.

On the second reading the report on the petition of Beriah Maybury, RESOLVED, That all proceedings on the bond of the said Beriah Maybury, given by him jointly with a certain William Pendergast, deceased, to the state, for confiscated property, be and they are hereby suspended and staid until the end of the next session of assembly.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Thomas.

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