

not Samuel Hyde) at the time of the confiscation of British property, although they cannot find any evidence of their title but possession. They cannot therefore form any decision on the propriety of the claim of the settlers, and therefore recommend the following resolution; That the said petition be referred to the next session of assembly, and that in the mean time no execution issue against the purchaser of the said land.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

G. JOHNSON, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Potts, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of John Rofs Key, beg leave to report, that they have considered the subject matter of the said memorial, and are of opinion, that under the particular circumstances of this case, it would be inconsistent with the dignity and honour of the state to oppose the claim of the said John Rofs Key against the estate of the said Philip Barton Key, on the ground that the said Philip Barton Key was a minor at the time the said debt was contracted by him, and therefore recommend the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the attorney-general be authorized, on the part of this state, to waive the objection of the said Philip Barton Key's being a minor at the time the said debt was contracted; and that the treasurer be authorized and required to discount and allow the claim of the said John Rofs Key against Philip Barton Key, after the same shall be passed by the auditor-general, out of the debt due by the said John Rofs Key to the state of Maryland, for the property of the said Philip Barton Key, purchased by the said John Rofs Key of the intendant.

All which is submitted to the honourable house

By order,

G. JOHNSON, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Forrest, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to establish pilots, and to regulate their fees; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of North Susquehanna hundred, Cæcil county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the several matters therein submitted into consideration, and are of opinion that the said petition should be rejected. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Duvall, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Andrew Hagerty, beg leave to report, that the said Andrew Hagerty enlisted and served faithfully three years in the sixth Maryland regiment; that he did not apply to the auditor-general for a certificate for the depreciation of his pay until the time fixed for granting such certificates had elapsed, owing, as the committee are informed, to his ignorance of the laws, proceeding from his residence in Pennsylvania.

The committee are of opinion, that his absence from the state ought not to deprive him of his right to the balance justly due to him, and therefore recommend the following resolution:

That the auditor-general be and he is hereby authorized and required to settle and adjust the account of Andrew Hagerty, formerly a soldier of the sixth Maryland regiment, and grant him a certificate for the balance due to him on the depreciation of his pay.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of fundry merchants and traders of the eastern shore of Maryland, beg leave to report; that they have inquired into the circumstances of the case, and find, that by an act passed November session, 1784, chap. 84, certain duties were imposed on goods imported into this state.

Your committee are in doubt whether the said act comprehended goods imported by land, but rather incline to the opinion that it did not.

Your committee find, that many of the merchants on the eastern shore, conceiving themselves under no obligation to pay duties on goods imported by land, did not pay any duty or give bond for goods so imported; but those who were most ready to comply with what the naval officers declared to be the true construction of the law, passed their bonds for the duties on goods imported by land.

Your committee find, that at November session, 1785, chap. 76, an act passed by which all merchandise imported by land was expressly made liable to the same duties as if imported by water.

Under these circumstances, your committee beg leave to offer it as their opinion, that it will be an encouragement to that part of the community who are readiest to comply with the law, to relieve those merchants who passed their bonds for duties on merchandise imported into this state by land, under the act of November session, 1784, chap. 84, by ordering the naval officer to deliver up their bonds, provided that they pay all costs of suit in cases where actions have been instituted on their said bonds.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

Mr.