

The additional supplementary act to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor in the counties of Dorchester and Somerset, was read the second time and passed.

The report on the petition of Patrick Kelly, was read the second time, concurred with, and thereupon RESOLVED, That the auditor-general liquidate the depreciation on the pay of Patrick Kelly, a soldier of the German regiment from this state, in the same manner as to other soldiers, and grant him a certificate therefor.

Sent to the senate, with the supplement to an act, entitled, An act to vest certain powers in the governor and council, and the additional supplementary act to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor in the counties of Dorchester and Somerset, by Mr. Parnham.

The report on the petition of sundry merchants and traders of the eastern shore, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. O'Neale, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Memb ^{rs}	W. Tilghman,	Chafe,	Chamberlaine,	Bravard,	Hollyday,	Pinkney,	
	Reed,	Fitzhugh,	Polt,	Digges,	Potts,	Coulter,	
	Comegys,	Parnham,	Bond,	Davall,	J. M'Pherson,	Dorsey,	21.
	Harwood,	Ridgely, of Wm.	S. Miller,				

N E G A T I V E.

Memb ^{rs}	Chilton,	Chapman,	Kerr,	Quynn,	Norris,	Lynn,	
	Gantt,	Ridgely,	Waggaman,	Dennis,	Edmondson,	Craab,	
	Fraizer,	Cockey,	Shaw,	Houfton,	Sprigg,	O'Neale,	21.
	Dent,	J. Tilghman, jun.	Matthews,				

The house being equally divided, the question was determined in the negative by the honourable speaker.

Nicholas Hammond, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the relief of certain purchasers of confiscated property, endorsed; "By the senate, December 17, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 21, 1788: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the 4th line from the top of the first page, strike out "did" and insert the word "have." In the 6th line of the same page, after the word "county," insert "and known by the name of the Nottingham Lot Lands, and the Welch Tract." In the 3d line from the bottom of same page, strike out the words "any lands" and insert "the lands." In the 6th line of the 2d page, after the word "do," strike out the words "or hereafter may hold and" and insert "hold or may." In the 15th line of the same page, after the word "depreciation," insert the words "and other liquidated state." In the 16th line of same page, after the word "office" insert "and all the fees chargeable to this state in making and returning surveys of the said lands." In the 5th line of the 3d page, after the word "office" insert "and all fees attending the surveys as aforesaid." In the 18th line of same page, after the word "depreciation" insert "or other liquidated state." Strike out from the beginning of the last clause, in the 3d page, to the end of the whole section in the 4th, and insert the following: "And be it enacted, That it shall not be necessary for any person or persons, claiming any part or parcel of the aforesaid lands, to make proof before the chancellor of any intermediate title derived from any other person or persons originally claiming under the said proprietor or proprietors of Pennsylvania, or their agents as aforesaid, except a possession of such part or parcel of the said lands acquired immediately by descent or purchase; but proof of the original grant, patent, lease, warrant, licence or agreement, from the said proprietors, or their agents, together with the possession derived as aforesaid, shall be deemed sufficient evidence of title. Provided nevertheless, That if any person or persons, who may conceive him, her or themselves affected by the operation of this act, shall at any time within the space of one year after the end of the present session of assembly, exhibit his, her or their petition to the chancellor for the time being, stating his, her or their title to such part or parcel of the lands aforesaid as such person or persons may claim, it shall and may be lawful for the said chancellor, and he is hereby authorized and required, after summoning the person or persons being the tenant or tenants in possession of such part or parcel of the said lands as shall be claimed by such petition, to hear and determine the matter in controversy between the parties, and to adjudge the right to him, her or them, as shall appear to have the same; and if no patent shall have been granted before such petition from the state of Maryland, for the part or parcel of the lands which shall be so disputed, then the said chancellor shall direct a patent to be issued to the person or persons to whom he shall adjudge the right as aforesaid; but if a patent shall have been before granted as aforesaid, and the same, on decision of the said controversy, shall appear to him to have been improperly granted, the said chancellor shall then decree such patent to be vacated and annulled, and shall direct another to be issued to the petitioner or petitioners to whom he shall adjudge the right, on payment as aforesaid, or otherwise shall dismiss the said petition, with costs to the person or persons who shall be affected thereby." In the 6th line of the last page, after the word "authorized" insert "and required."

A petition from Christopher Richmond, Esquire, praying leave of absence for twelve months, to commence from the first day of June next, to visit his father in England, was preferred and read.