

that the prayer of the said petition is reasonable, and ought to be granted, and would therefore suggest to the honourable house the propriety of passing a resolution, directing the treasurer of the western shore to refund to the said William Philips the caution money, and also the money paid for improvements, as mentioned in the said petition. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Tamison Alexander, of Cæcil county, respecting certain confiscated property which her husband, in his life-time, became security for to the state, and she has become liable for the purchase money, which she is unable to pay, and praying relief in the premises, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Matthews, Mr. Stull and Mr. Ott, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the subject of amendments, proposed by congress to the constitution of the United States, was read the second time, and unanimously concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. W. Tilghman, Mr. Seney, Mr. J. Tilghman, Mr. Sterett, Mr. M'Henry, Mr. U. Forrest and Mr. Craik, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. M'Henry, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Chester, to consider and report thereon, having taken the same into consideration, beg leave to report, that it appearing by certificates, and other testimony, that Samuel Chester, of Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, has been greatly instrumental in recruiting and disciplining soldiers of the Maryland line, and that the extraordinary fatigues he was thereby subjected to, had reduced him to the state of an invalid, and rendered him incapable of labour, or of supporting himself or family. Your committee are therefore of opinion that a resolution ought to pass, empowering the orphans court of Baltimore county to make the same allowance to Samuel Chester as established by law for invalid soldiers; which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Lemmon, of Baltimore county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion, as the petitioner was justly entitled to the compensation contained in the certificate lost, he ought not to forfeit it by any accident to which the most careful are liable, if security is given that the state cannot be injured by payment of the money twice. Your committee therefore suggest the propriety of passing a resolution, directing the treasurer of the western shore to issue another certificate to the said Joseph Lemmon for the sum of £. 122 10 0, of the same tenor and date as the one lost, on his passing bond with security, to indemnify the state should the first certificate issued as aforesaid ever appear; which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Sarah Hall, wife of a certain Philip Hall, of Baltimore county, confined in the gaol of said county for the fine and fees arising on an indictment, beg leave to report, that they have examined the circumstances of her case, and it appears to the committee that both the said Sarah Hall and her husband are incapable of paying the said debt, therefore are of opinion a law ought to pass to release her person from confinement. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read. ORDERED, That the same have a second reading to-morrow morning.

A petition from the Presbyterian congregation in and near Bladensburg, stating that John Brady did, by his last will, devise to the said congregation a legacy of one hundred pounds, which they are prevented from holding by an article of the bill of rights of this state, and praying an act enabling them to hold the said legacy, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Oneale, Mr. Dashiell, Mr. M'Henry, Mr. Bayly and Mr. W. Tilghman, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petitions of Robert Britt, and others, was read the second time and committed for amendment. ORDERED, That Mr. U. Forrest be added to the committee appointed on the petitions of the said Robert Britt, and others.

The resolution in favour of William Kilty, and others, was read the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate by Mr. Carroll.

The report on the petition of Henry Hunt, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a resolution pursuant thereto.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Stephen Price, late a sergeant of the sixth Maryland regiment, beg leave to report, that they have considered the allegations therein contained, and find them true. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that as the original certificate issued to the said Stephen Price is totally destroyed, that the auditor-general should be directed to issue another certificate to the aforesaid Stephen Price in lieu thereof, for the depreciation of his pay while in the army of the United States, for the sum of £. 97 18 11, of the same tenor and date as the one originally issued, on his entering into bond with security, to indemnify the state, provided the first

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