

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of colonel Francis Deakins, beg leave to report, that they have examined the accounts and expenditures of said Deakins while surveying the western lands, and find them reasonable and proper; that his claim for services done by himself and chamber assistants, amounting to £. 780 18 9, ought to be allowed him; and that there appears due to the said colonel Francis Deakins, on the settlement of said account, the sum of £. 657 5 6, which, your committee are of opinion, should be paid him. Which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Zachariah Wade, of Prince-George's county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the prayer of the said petition is for the purpose of levying a tax on the inhabitants of said county, and that notice hath not been given of the same according to law; they are therefore of opinion that the same ought not to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDR, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Richard Harwood, jun. late collector of the tax for Anne-Arundel county, praying to be relieved from the ten per cent. interest which the state is entitled to exact from him as collector aforesaid, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Henry Hunt.

A petition from Benjamin Howard and Thomas Rutland, collectors of the tax in two districts in Anne-Arundel county, praying to be released from the ten per cent. interest which the state is entitled to exact from them as collectors aforesaid, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Henry Hunt.

A petition from Zebulon Oldham, of Cecil county, praying an act may pass to repeal or explain an act of assembly of 1744, and that he may be enabled to hold and enjoy a point of land called Senica Point, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed to consider and report on the petition of Richard Oldham.

Mr. O'cale, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of William Robertson, of Montgomery, and Robert Amos, jun. of Harford county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petitions of Robert Britt, Eleanor Summers, administratrix of James Quay, John Klein, John Dorrent, John Lanham, Daniel Shally, John Sheridan, Bartholomew Calloon and Dennis Downey, late soldiers in the continental army, beg leave to report, that they have examined the several vouchers adduced, and find the facts therein stated to be true. Your committee therefore recommend a resolution to pass authorizing and directing the auditor-general to liquidate the depreciation on their pay, and grant them respectively a certificate for what may appear to him to be justly due.

Your committee further suggest the propriety of passing a general resolution, authorizing and directing the auditor-general to liquidate the depreciation on the pay, and grant certificates to, all persons similarly circumstanced, for what may appear to him to be justly due them; provided application is made on or before the first day of June next; and that the auditor give public notice of this indulgence, six weeks at least, in the Annapolis and Baltimore news-papers.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDR, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a resolution pursuant thereto.

A petition from Margaret Hudson, of Baltimore-town, praying an act may pass empowering her to convey certain lands which her husband sold in his life-time, and to dispose of any part thereof as may remain unsold for the payment of his debts, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. M<sup>r</sup> Henry, Mr. Sterett and Mr. Lowes, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Sterett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Samuel Chase, of Baltimore-town; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On the second reading of the amendments to the bill to confirm an act, entitled, An act to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government as prevent a citizen from taking a seat in the legislature, or being an elector of the senate, without taking an oath to the support of this government, passed at November session, 1788, the question was put, That the house agree to the first amendment to the said bill? Resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the same, the question was put, That the house agree to the second amendment? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Shaw, appeared as follow: