

That it appears to your committee the treasurer of the western shore hath received on his account, from different persons, and paid to his order, the sum of £. 27 17 6; for which payment no credit appears on the face of said account.

That it appears to your committee no general account of fees was transmitted to the treasurer, by which he might have been enabled to collect the fees due to the several officers, on settlement with the defendants; and, under an impression that the officers collected their own fees, (as has heretofore been the custom,) did proceed to settle with the state debtors for principal and interest only, he having no document to enable him to charge the fees on the said suits.

The case of Mr. Earle being that of many other officers, your committee are of opinion that the state ought to settle with and pay the clerks of the general court of the eastern and western shores, and other officers, the fees heretofore accrued on the civil suits of the state, in the same manner as other plaintiffs usually pay; and that, on the settlement of the accounts of such officers, by the committee of claims, the treasurer be authorized and directed to issue a certificate or certificates for the sums due to them respectively; which certificates shall be receivable in taxes; the account of such officers being first lodged with the treasurer.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to authorize the inhabitants of Saint John's parish, in Queen-Anne's and Caroline counties, to elect vestrymen and churchwardens for said parish. ORDERED, That Mr. Mason, Mr. Gantt and Mr. Faw, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Mason, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to enable the inhabitants of Saint John's parish, in Queen-Anne's and Caroline counties, to elect vestrymen and churchwardens for said parish; which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed.

The report on the memorial of John Galloway, was read the second time and concurred with.

On motion, the question was put on the following, viz. "Whereas it appears to this general assembly, that the records and papers of the office of register of wills for Anne-Arundel county, in which are contained the records of the late prerogative office, have been injured from the dampness of the room, which is not sufficiently airy; RESOLVED, That the governor and council be authorized and required to employ a proper person to cut a window in the end of the room pointing north-easterly to admit sufficient air into the said office, and also to make doors to the cases, and to make additional cases, if necessary, for the preservation of the said records, and to prevent them from sustaining injury from the dust." Determined in the negative.

On motion, ORDERED, That the report respecting the situation of the debtors and creditors under the consolidating act, have a second reading to-morrow morning.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to the act, entitled, An act to prohibit the bringing slaves into this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Matthews, Mr. W. Tilghman and Mr. Mason, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, December 16, 1789.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Shriver and Mr. Stewart. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill to enable the inhabitants of Saint John's parish, in Queen-Anne's and Caroline counties, to elect vestrymen and churchwardens for said parish, the bill to repeal part of an act, entitled, An act to dispose of the lands westward of Fort Cumberland, in Washington county, and to fulfil the engagements made by this state to the officers and soldiers of the Maryland line in the service of the United States, and for other purposes, and the additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act for building a new court-house and gaol in Queen-Anne's county, and for other purposes, were sent to the senate by Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. Parnham appeared in house.

Mr. Craik brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following resolution:

Whereas it appears from the muster-rolls of the Maryland line, that there remains a considerable sum due to the noncommissioned officers and soldiers for their services in the late continental army, many of whom have made application to this general assembly for payment, the time for granting the depreciation of pay by the auditor-general to the officers and soldiers having elapsed; and it appearing reasonable and right, that men who have served faithfully should be rewarded for such services, therefore RESOLVED, That the governor and council be and they are hereby directed to examine the musters of the Maryland line, and other documents that may be offered to them, and make out, in the name of each person, the amount of pay that may appear to be due him for his services in the late continental army, and issue a certificate or certificates in the same manner that the officers and soldiers have heretofore been paid, and lodge the same in the hands of the western shore treasurer, to be by him paid to the several persons claiming, or their legal representatives, and that the sum so issued be charged to the United States.

Which was read.

Mr. Lecompte, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the building a court-house in Talbot county, for the accommodation of the general court for the