

Your committee submit the propriety of empowering the governor and council to take order respecting the necessary vouchers and evidences to substantiate such claims, as well as the vouchers and evidence respecting all other charges of the state against the United States, and to continue Mr. John White as state agent for such time during the ensuing year as may be thought necessary, to support the account of the state with the United States before the board of commissioners, established by an ordinance of the late congress of the 7th of May, 1787, for the settlement of accounts between the United States and individual states.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDR, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of the visitors and governors of Saint John's college, beg leave to report, that they have considered the subject of the said memorial, and are of opinion that it is essential to the welfare of the college that the funds appropriated for its use should be no longer suspended; the committee therefore recommend the following resolution :

RESOLVED, That the suspension laid by a resolve of the last session of the general assembly of Maryland on the funds of Saint John's college, be hereby taken off, and the said resolve totally repealed; provided nevertheless, that the payments already made, and any hereafter made, by the treasurer of the western shore, out of the money arising from the said funds, in obedience of any order drawn by the governor and the council, to the amount in the whole of the said payments to the net product of the said funds for the years seventeen hundred and eighty-eight, and seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, shall be good and valid, to all intents and purposes, against the said college, and the visitors and governors thereof.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. FAW, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the report of the commissioners appointed under the law to dispose of the reserved lands westward of Fort Cumberland, in Washington county, beg leave to report, that they have examined the facts therein contained, and find them true, and are of opinion that every officer or soldier entitled to land under the laws of the state, ought to have a ticket, agreeably to the provisions of the said law, although his name did not appear in the list delivered by the auditor to the commissioners.

That the said lots, so to be distributed among those who may be entitled to them, and whose names were not returned to the commissioners by the auditor, be taken from the most northern situation of the land undisposed of, which are represented to be the best.

And to ascertain who are entitled to the said bounty of land, that the auditor shall examine into the claim of any soldier, or his legal representative making it, and if his claim be just, it shall be so certified by the auditor to the register of the land-office.

The committee are of opinion, that the act for the division of Washington county will have a tendency, in its operation, to increase the value of the unsold lots, and that therefore it would be impolitic in the legislature to direct an immediate sale thereof by auction, but that nevertheless a proper person should be appointed by the governor and council to dispose of any of the lots, whenever advantageous opportunities may offer, either at public or private sale, provided that not less than three shillings and nine-pence per acre be taken for any of the said lots.

That all the tickets already drawn, and not delivered out by the said commissioners, be delivered by them to the register of the land-office for the western shore, and that he be directed to deliver them, when applied for, to those who may be entitled to receive the same, and that he be directed to make out tickets for those officers and soldiers whose names were omitted to be returned to the commissioners by the auditor, in the same manner that the commissioners have heretofore done.

The committee beg leave further to suggest to the house the justice and propriety of allowing to those soldiers who enlisted antecedent to the thirty-first day of October, seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, the same bounty of land as to those who enlisted subsequent to that period, they being equally entitled to the generosity of the legislature.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

H. WHETCROFT, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. W. Tilghman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to prevent the importation of slaves into this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lowes appeared in the house.

On the second reading of the amendments to the resolution respecting the relinquishment of interest on collections since the first day of January, 1783, the question was put, That the house accede to the first amendment? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. W. Bowie, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Carroll,	Gantt,	Sherwood,	Hollingsworth,	Dennis,	Pinkney,		
	Hopewell,	Freeland,	Winder,	Quynn,	Houlton,	Banckes,		
	W. Tilghman,	Somervell,	Shaw,	Duvall,	Dorsey,	Mason,		
	J. Worthington,	Parnham,	Lecompte,	Seney,	Norris,	Oncala.	28.	
	B. Worthington,	Ridgely,	Bond,	Purnell,				

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