

On motion, ORDERED, That the committee of claims be directed to return to the different officers the accounts laid before them for fees arising at the instance of the state for civil suits, and that they return to the next session of assembly an account, on oath, for fees arising in cases which were countermanded or discontinued by the state, and such where the defendants are not by law chargeable.

Mr. Seney, from the joint committee of both houses appointed to hear and determine on all excuses offered by the members of the general assembly, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE joint committee of both houses, appointed in consequence of the act of November session, 1787, entitled, An act to compel the attendance of the members of the general assembly, beg leave to report, that they attended on the said business to them referred, and met several times, when the members who did not appear at the day appointed for the meeting of the assembly, and those who, after appearance, absented themselves without leave, severally attended and offered such excuses as, in the opinion of your committee, were reasonable, and ought to be admitted. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable the general assembly.

By order,

J. FAW, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Pinkney, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of collectors of the tax since the first of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-three; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill for the relief of collectors of the tax since the first of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, was read the second time by especial order, and the question put; That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate by Mr. Harwood.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. J. Tilghman, junior, be added to the committee of claims.

On motion, the question was put on the following, viz.

Whereas it appears from the muster-rolls of the Maryland line, that there remains a considerable sum due to the non-commissioned 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.

The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale, appeared as follow:

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| Messieurs | W. Tilghman, | Gantt, | Owings, | Matthews, | Houfton, | Sterett, | |
| | Moore, | Freeland, | Sherwood, | Hollingsworth, | Dorsey, | M ^r Henry, | |
| | N. Worthington, | Parnham, | Winder, | R. Bowic, | Norris, | Shryock, | |
| | J. Worthington, | Craik, | Murray, | Quynn, | Pinkney, | Ott, | |
| | Harwood, | M ^r Pherfon, | Lecompte, | Duvall, | Love, | Lynn. | 35. |
| | Fraizer, | Ridgely, | Bond, | O'Brion, | Mason, | | |

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| Messieurs | Seney, | Purnell, | Dennis, | Burgess, | Oneale. | 5. |
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So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the second reading the report on the letter of John White, state agent, RESOLVED, That the governor and council be requested to carry the same into effect.

The report respecting the reserved lands westward of Fort Cumberland, was read the second time and concurred with.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill to establish fees for the justices of the peace, be referred to the next session of assembly.

The supplement to an act, entitled, An act to prevent the importation of slaves into this state, was read the second time by especial order and passed.

Whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire, hath resigned his appointment as one of the commissioners for building a new prison in the city of Annapolis, RESOLVED, That Mr. Charles Wallace be and he is hereby appointed a commissioner in the place of the said Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire, and he shall have all the power of any one of the said commissioners.

RESOLVED, That John Smith, of Baltimore-town, and William Smithson, of Harford county, Esquires, be and they are hereby authorized to determine whether any and what sum of money ought to be paid by Baltimore to Harford county within the true meaning of the act of the last session, entitled, An act to lay a further tax on the people of Harford county to complete the public build-ings