

A petition from John Taylor, of Harford county, praying an act may pass to discharge him from debts which he is unable to pay, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from Isaac Webster, of Harford county, counter to the petition of John Taylor, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on the petitions of insolvent debtors.

A petition from Reuben Allen, of Caroline county, praying an act may pass to discharge him from debts which he is unable to pay, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

The report on the petition of James Roach, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

A petition from the vestry of Saint Paul's parish, in Baltimore county, praying to be empowered to take a conveyance of a piece of ground, in fee-simple, from his excellency John Eager Howard, Esquire, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Ridgely, and Mr. W. Bowie, to consider and report thereon.

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

BY THE COMMITTEE OF CLAIMS.

YOUR committee beg leave to report, that they have examined the accounts and proceedings of Thomas Harwood, Esquire, treasurer of the western shore, and find, by an account settled by the committee of claims the 1st of November, 1789, there was a balance of £. 17,618 8 4¹/₂ specie, £. 97,269 18 9 continental loan-office certificates and old continental money, and 414,981 dollars and ¹/₂ths final settlement certificates, remaining in the treasury.

That it appears to your committee, by the accounts of the said treasurer, he hath received from the treasurer of the eastern shore the sum of £. 7 2 6 in bills of credit emitted by an act of congress 18th of March, 1780, for interest due on said bills £. 3 7 8, and the further sum of £. 3964 6 7¹/₂ specie; for escheats, caution, and improvements on land certificates, £. 74 6 10 in journal certificates, and £. 2610 1 10 in specie; from the register of the chancery court £. 442 4 5 specie; from sundry persons for so much paid surveyors fees £. 88 15 10 specie; from Richard Potts for so much received for judgments on bonds assigned the state £. 121 18 1¹/₂ specie; from Samuel Handy on account £. 9 12 0 specie; from major Thomas Lansdale on account 13/7¹/₂ specie; from Benjamin Rumsey and others, commissioners of the flying camp, £. 9 10 0 specie; from William Watson on account £. 11 16 10 specie; from John Chairs on account £. 17 1 7 specie; from captain Jonathan Gibson on account £. 491 1 0 in certificates for debts adjusted; from Doctor Edward Johnson £. 33 0 8 in certificates for debts adjusted, interest due on said certificates £. 2 16 11, £. 17 18 10 in continental certificates liquidated, interest due on said certificates 16/2, and £. 6 0 0 in certificates issued for debts against persons convicted of treason, interest due on said certificates 6/6; from major Edward Giles £. 17 6 7 certificates for debts adjusted; from Doctor Thomas Gant £. 120 14 5¹/₂ certificates for debts adjusted; from colonel Richard Barnes £. 4 0 9 certificates for debts adjusted; for bonds in the old loan-office £. 311 11 1 certificates for debts adjusted, interest due on said certificates £. 4 10 0, £. 91 3 9 in continental certificates liquidated, and £. 870 12 8 in depreciation certificates; for fines and forfeitures £. 135 3 9 specie; for marriage licences £. 777 2 7, and for ordinary and retailers licences £. 966 2 9 specie; for duties in the naval department £. 15,204 1 11 specie; for confiscated property £. 9042 17 10 certificates for debts adjusted, interest due on said certificates £. 616 2 1, in certificates for continental certificates liquidated £. 9289 13 8, interest due on said certificates £. 405 11 3, in depreciation certificates £. 11,466 12 4, interest due on said certificates £. 4407 19 4, in certificates issued for debts against persons convicted of treason £. 3735 5 5, interest due on said certificates £. 207 16 6, and £. 3809 5 7 specie; for taxes from the collectors of the several counties on western shore £. 133 1 9 in journal certificates, £. 4280 18 8 in certificates for debts adjusted, interest due on said certificates £. 259 6 2, in continental certificates liquidated £. 4339 14 10, interest due on said certificates £. 151 17 11, in depreciation certificates £. 4624 4 3, interest due on said certificates £. 2393 4 5, in certificates issued for debts against persons convicted of treason £. 6028 15 8, interest due on said certificates £. 266 19 5, and the further sum of £. 1920 9 2¹/₂ specie; for interest on bonds for arrearages of taxes the sum of £. 147 15 0 specie.

That it appears to your committee, certificates, agreeably to the act to adjust the debts due from this state, have been issued to sundry persons to the amount of £. 1837 17 4; certificates for the payment of the journal of accounts paid sundry claimants their allowances, amounting to £. 76 7 0; and certificates agreeably to the act for the liquidation and payment of debts against persons convicted of treason, and British subjects, and the supplementary acts thereto, paid sundry claimants, amounting to £. 681 17 2¹/₂.

That your committee have counted and burnt the sum of £. 7 2 6 of the bills of credit made by congress 18th of March, 1780.

That your committee have examined and cancelled certificates for debts adjusted to the amount of £. 14,301 11 0; certificates for continental certificates liquidated amounting to £. 13,738 1 1; depreciation certificates amounting to £. 16,961 9 3; certificates issued for debts against persons convicted of treason, and British subjects, to the amount of £. 9770 1 1; and the further sum of £. 207 8 7 in journal certificates.

That it appears to your committee, by the accounts of the said treasurer, he hath paid away from 1st of November, 1789, to the 1st of November, 1790, the sum of £. 37,924 15 9 specie; for all which payments have been produced to your committee the necessary vouchers and receipts; and that