

Mr. Lecompte, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of Joseph Clark, of the city of Annapolis, on reconsideration of the same, report, that they have carefully examined the vouchers produced for the purpose of substantiating the facts alleged in said memorial, and find that an agreement was entered into by the said Clark and the then intendant of the revenue, that he the said Clark should be entitled to five per cent. on all disbursements he should make in repairing the public buildings in the city of Annapolis, and also that he should be entitled to a reasonable compensation for his designs, draughts, and bills of scantling, furnished by him.

Your committee further report, that by a certificate from Christopher Richmond, the late auditor-general, it appears that the said Clark had only received, at the time of furnishing the said certificate, the five per cent. and that he had not received any compensation for his extra services, agreeably to his contract with the intendant.

Your committee further report, that by an account exhibited by the said Clark against the state of Maryland, it appears, that he has charged the state for his extra services, the sum of four hundred and fourteen pounds current money, which is at the rate of nine pounds current money per month.

Your committee, from a view of all the circumstances of the case, are of opinion that the claim exhibited against the state of Maryland by the said Clark, is an extravagant one, and ought not to be granted; but are nevertheless of an opinion that some reasonable compensation ought to be allowed the said Clark for his extra services, agreeably to his contract with the late intendant of the revenue.

Your committee therefore suggest the propriety of passing the following resolution: RESOLVED, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorized and requested to liquidate and settle the claim of Joseph Clark, of the city of Annapolis, exhibited against the state of Maryland, for the sum of four hundred and fourteen pounds current money, and that they be and are hereby authorized and directed to give an order on the treasurer of the western shore for the payment to the said Joseph Clark of what sum of money may appear to them, if any, from a view of all the circumstances of the case, to be a reasonable compensation for the extra services of the said Joseph Clark in repairing the public buildings in the city of Annapolis.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. E. SEWELL, 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 petition of Archibald Job, of Cæcil county, report, that they have examined the facts therein stated, and find that two several judgments were obtained, at the suit of the state of Maryland, in the general court of the eastern shore, against Archibald Job, at September term, 1790, amounting in the whole to the sum of £. 508 0 8; which sum became due to the state of Maryland for licences granted to hawkers, pedlers, retailers, and ordinary keepers, by the court of Cæcil county in the years 1786 and 1787, and also for amerçiements in that county in the years aforesaid.

Your committee further report, that by attested copies from the several minute books of Cæcil county court, by the clerk thereof, there appears to have been due to the state of Maryland, during the continuance of the said Archibald Job in the office of sheriff, for ordinary and retailers licences granted by the court of Cæcil county, the sum of £. 666 current money; the greater part of which sum was paid at the time of obtaining licences by the several applicants, and received by Baruch Williams, deceased, late clerk of Cæcil county, from a misapprehension of the law, although it appears to your committee to be the duty of the sheriffs of the respective counties to receive all such monies.

Your committee further report, that from the several vouchers produced to them, there appears to be long, intricate, and unsettled accounts between the estate of the said Baruch Williams, deceased, and the said Archibald Job, and that it cannot yet be ascertained in whose favour the balance will be, or whether the estate of Baruch Williams, deceased, will be responsible for the monies by him so received, the said Archibald Job being indebted to him the said Baruch Williams in a large sum of money, as appears by vouchers produced to your committee, for fees put in his hands to be collected agreeably to law.

Under these circumstances, and to give the said parties time to settle and adjust their several accounts, and in order to save from ruin, as far as is possible, the said Archibald Job, without injury to the state, your committee are of opinion that it would be just and reasonable in the legislature to pass a resolution, directing that no execution or executions should issue against the said Archibald Job on the judgments aforesaid obtained against him at the suit of the state, until after April term, 1791.

Your committee further report, that it appears just and reasonable that a law should pass, giving a preference to sheriffs and other officers for their fees due on the commitment of any person who availed himself of the benefit of the late insolvent law, where the property of such insolvent debtor has not already been disposed of among his or her creditors agreeably to the directions of the said act.

Your committee further report, that as to an allowance for fees accruing for the service of executions issued at the instance of the state, and afterwards countermanded, they can see no reason for a special indulgence in this instance, or to discriminate this case from that of other officers, and that he ought therefore to pursue the remedy given by the resolution passed at the last session of assembly.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. WINCHESTER, jun. clk.

Which was read.

Mr.