

The report on the petition of Thomas Russell, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.

The report on the petition of George French, was read the second time and concurred with. Mr. J. Worthington, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of Benjamin Harwood, of the city of Annapolis, report, that they have examined the allegations therein contained, and find them truly stated, and are, from a view of all the circumstances of the case, of opinion, that the amount of the bills of exchange drawn by the state of Maryland in favour of the said Benjamin Harwood, as mentioned in the said memorial, upon the trustees of the bank stock at London, and also the bill of exchange drawn in favour of John Callahan, of the city of Annapolis, and endorsed by him to the said Benjamin Harwood, ought, in point of justice, to be paid by this state, with an interest of six per cent. from their respective dates, and also that the charges of protest be paid in the same manner by this state. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. E. SEWELL, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to vest certain powers in the county court of Kent county.

Mr. Tilghman brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to vest certain powers in the county court of Kent county; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Hollingsworth.

Mr. F. Bowie appeared in the house.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Crefap be added to the committee appointed on the petitions of James and John Nicholson and Joshua Barney.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of John and James Nicholson, and of Joshua Barney, report, that on considering the subject it appears to them, that citizens of the state, who served as officers of the navy, were entitled, in point of policy and justice, to equal compensation with officers in the land service. They therefore submit the propriety of extending to the memorialists the same provisions, as to donations of land and commutation of half pay, which has been granted to officers in the land service. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. WINCHESTER, jun. clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.

The report on the petition of Elizabeth Dorsey, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a resolution pursuant thereto.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Bean, report, that they have examined said petition, and find the allegations therein contained to be true. They are of opinion, that the payment of a sum in gross, as appears to have been made, was not agreeable to the law, and that the orphans court have been altogether too rigid in the construction of it; and as the petitioner appears to be entitled to some relief, they are of opinion, that the treasurer of the western shore be directed to pay to the said John Bean the sum of twenty-five shillings per month, being the half pay of a common soldier, from the 22d of January, 1782, till the 1st of November, 1787, deducting therefrom the sum of forty pounds current money. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. E. SEWELL, clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of Joseph Clark, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.

The report on the petition of William Brown and Simon Wicks, was read the second time, and thereupon,

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be authorized to inquire into the damages sustained by William Brown, in consequence of part of the wheat which was growing on the land purchased by him of the commissioners for the sale of confiscated property being cut and taken away by John Lowman, who held the land at the time of the sale, and to make such allowance for the said damage as they shall think reasonable, which shall be discounted from the bond passed by the said Brown to the state, with Simon Wicks security.

Sent to the senate by Mr. F. Bowie.

The report on the petition of Adam Hubley, was read the second time, concurred with, and the resolution therein mentioned assented to.

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

Whereas it appears to this general assembly, that on the 21st of April, 1773, a patent was granted to George French, for a tract of land called George's Adventure, containing 456 acres, and that on the 27th of April and 24th of October, 1776, patents were granted to the said George French, for another tract called the Vale, containing 1627 acres, lying to the westward of Fort Cumberland, and that the same has been held by the father of the petitioner, and those claiming under him, since the year 1769, and have been considerably improved, RESOLVED, that the right of the state to the said lands be relinquished, any former claim to the said lands on behalf of the state notwithstanding.

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

A F F I R M A -