

amount of depreciation due the said John Pickering, the said person unknown having made oath, at the time of the obtention of said certificate, that he was John Pickering, of the second Maryland regiment: And whereas it appears that John Pickering, father of the aforesaid John Pickering, deceased, has duly administered on the goods and chattels of the said John Pickering, deceased, and it seems just and reasonable that the representatives of the said John Pickering should receive the reward due to the said deceased for his faithful services, **RESOLVED**, That the auditor-general be directed to issue one or more certificates to the aforesaid John Pickering, administrator of the aforesaid John Pickering, deceased, for the said sum of £. 67 5 4.

Which was read.

Mr. Lowes, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to open and extend the road leading from Whittingham's bridge, at Princess-Anne-town, in Somerset county, to the plantation of George Pollit, deceased, until it intersects the road leading from Salisbury to Stevens's ferry, at the plantation of Joshua Morris; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Clark has leave of absence till Monday week next.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth Wilfon, of Saint-Mary's county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted.

By order

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Bohemia Manor and Back Creek, in Cæcil county, praying a repeal of the late road law, and an alteration of the fee bill, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petitions of sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel, Montgomery, and Frederick counties, respecting roads.

A petition from William Robertson and Samuel Garretson, of Harford county, praying to be released from a debt due to the state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry persons, purchasers of part of My Lady's Manor, in Baltimore county, praying that the metes and bounds of the said manor may be established agreeably to the original survey thereof, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Seney, Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. Mr. Lowes, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. J. Ringgold, Mr. Craik and Mr. Pinkney, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Thomas Bond, senior and junior, of Harford county, and Elijah Bosley, of Baltimore county, counter to the above petition, was preferred, read, and referred to the same committee.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of Elizabeth-town, in Washington county, report, that they have examined the same, and are of opinion that a law ought to pass agreeably to the prayer of the said petition.

By order,

A. GOLDRER, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Sassafras Neck, in Cæcil county, praying an alteration of the road law and fee bill, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Oldham, Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. M^cMechen, Mr. Comegys and Mr. T. Ringgold, to consider and report thereon.

Petitions from David Geddes, Caleb Tappan and Thomas Peters, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Cæcil county, praying an alteration of the fee bill and a repeal of the law passed last session for transcribing the old records of said county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Pinkney, Mr. M^cMechen, Mr. R. Bond, Mr. Craik, Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Seney and Mr. Bowie, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Cæcil county, praying that the mode of elections of delegates may be changed, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed to bring in a bill to alter, amend and explain, the constitution in several particulars therein mentioned.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Love, of Harford county, beg leave to report, that they find the allegations therein contained to be true, and are of opinion the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. **ORDERED**, That Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. and Mr. Ridgely, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from the people called Quakers, a petition from the society for the abolition of slavery, in Baltimore, and a petition from sundry inhabitants of Caroline and Kent counties, praying that some regulations may be adopted for meliorating the condition of slaves, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Pinkney, Mr. S. Smith, Mr. Quynn, Mr. Lecompte, Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Cockey and Mr. Seney, to consider and report thereon.

John Hall, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolution in favour of James Carvin, endorsed; "By the senate, November 15, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

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