

A petition from Henry Watson, of Montgomery county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Russell, of Cæcil county, report, that they find that a certain Joseph Guffy, of Cæcil county, purchased of the intendant 195 acres of land in New-Connaught Manor, and afterwards, for a valuable consideration, sold and assigned the same to the petitioner, and that the petitioner has paid the purchase money; that, at the time of sale, a question arose, whether the original purchaser had not bonded too high, beyond the quality of the lands; that the intendant endorsed on the certificate of the aforesaid purchase, that in case other lands, of equal quality, sold for a less sum, that an abatement should be made; that, from several certificates, the committee find, that lands of equal, if not of a superior quality, sold only for seven shillings and six-pence per acre. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that the prayer of the petition ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Deakins has leave of absence.

A petition from Nicholas Sewall, of St. Mary's county, praying to receive a further allowance for certain lands which originally belonged to his father, and were by act of assembly vested in the Choptank Indians, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Goldborough, Mr. T. Gantt, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Pinkney and Mr. Lecompte, to consider and report thereon.

A petition of Henry Hannan, of Charles county, praying a law to direct the recording a deed executed by Alexander Hannan to his father, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Chapman, Mr. T. Marshall and Mr. Clagett, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of Nicholas Ruxton Moore, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Comegys, appeared as follow :

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messrs	Curroll,	T. Harwood,	Denwood,	Quynn,	Beatty,	Clagett,
	Thomas,	Craig,	Lowes,	Seney,	P. Smith,	Swearingen,
	Hopewell,	Hawkins,	Miller,	O'Bryon,	Berkhart,	Deakins,
	T. Bond,	McPherson,	R. Bond,	Barnes,	Love,	Crabb,
	J. Ringgold,	Chapman,	Hollingsworth,	Dennis,	Wilson,	Turner,
	T. Ringgold,	Ridgely, of Wm. Oldham,	Holland,	Holland,	Loocherman,	Beall,
	R. Harwood,	Ridgely,	Bowie,	Ratcliff,	Emery,	Cresap,
	N. Worthington,	Kerr,	T. Marshall,	J. P. Marshall,	S. Smith,	Tomlinson,
	Chesley,	Tilghman,	T. Gantt,	Key,	McMeehan,	Jacob.
	T. Gantt, jun.					55.

N E G A T I V E.

Mess.	Comegys,	Sherwood,	Goldborough,	Eccleston,	Douglafs,	Oneale.
	Cockey,	Waggaman,	Frazier,			9.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereas Nicholas Ruxton Moore, by his petition has set forth, that he, having the command of a troop of light dragoons, was ordered by the governor and council of the state of Maryland to proceed to Virginia, and join the troops there under the command of the marquis de la Fayette, and in pursuance thereof did proceed to Virginia, and, on his march, lost two horses belonging to the said troop, and consequently was obliged to procure two horses of a certain colonel Clayborn, for the sum of two hundred pounds current money, and by his certificate given to the said colonel Clayborn, made himself accountable therefor; and it appearing to this general assembly just and reasonable that the state of Maryland should pay the same, RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore of the state of Maryland pay unto the said Nicholas Ruxton Moore the sum of two hundred and forty-two pounds eight shillings and three-pence current money, which sum includes interest, and costs of suit recovered by a judgment against the said Nicholas Ruxton Moore.

Sent to the senate by Mr. S. Smith.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county and town, praying a road may be laid out from said town to the High Knob on the Catoctin mountain and the South mountain, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Burkhar, Mr. Eccleston, Mr. P. Smith and Mr. S. Smith, to consider and report thereon.

— A petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county and town, counter to the above petition, was preferred, read, and referred to the same committee.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Dawson, late a soldier in the fifth Maryland regiment, beg leave to report, that upon due consideration thereof, they are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted, in giving him half pay during life, as has been granted to other soldiers similarly circumstanced.

By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

A memorial from Richard H. Courts, of Prince-George's county, praying an allowance for services as a surgeon's mate in the army of the United States, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Thomas, Mr. Key and Mr. Oneale, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Ridgely has leave of absence.

Mr.