

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Francis Gardiner, of Charles county, beg leave to report, that having considered the same, they are of opinion the facts therein stated are true, and that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted.

By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of Francis Clements, was read the second time and concurred with.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore give to Francis Clements a certificate for the sum of sixty-nine pounds ten shillings and three-pence, on interest from the nineteenth day of September, seventeen hundred and eighty-four, of the same tenor and date of the one heretofore issued him, in lieu of the aforesaid certificate lost, on his entering into bond with security, to be approved by the treasurer, to indemnify this state in case the said certificate should hereafter appear to have been paid by the state.

Sent to the senate.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas Sewell, report, that they are of opinion that the prayer of the petition is unreasonable, and ought not to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Mercer, Mr. Pinkney, Mr. M'Mechee, Mr. Craik, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Duvall and Mr. J. Worthington, be a committee to inquire into and report, whether any and what further measures should be taken relative to the suit instituted against this state by the Messieurs Vanstaphorst.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Hyde, of the city of Annapolis, report, that they have examined the facts therein stated, and find them true, and are of opinion that a resolution ought to pass, directing the treasurer of the western shore to pay to the said Thomas Hyde the sum of twelve pounds one shilling and three-pence, which he paid into the treasury on account of a debt due Perkins, Buchanan and Brown, merchants, of London, he having since discharged the said debt. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Rhode Phillips, of Dorchester county, beg leave to report, that it appears to your committee that John Phillips, late of Dorchester county, deceased, husband of the petitioner, was seized in fee of several tracts of land lying in Somerset county, on which said several tracts of land the said John Phillips, in his life-time, obtained a warrant of survey, and that, in pursuance of said warrant, the said several tracts were surveyed, and certificate of said survey returned in the name of said John Phillips to the western shore land-office, for a tract of land called Phillips's Farewel, containing nine hundred and six and one half acres of land. It appears further to your committee, that the said Phillips, some short time before his death, contracted with several persons for different parts of the said tract of land so by him surveyed, and bonded for the conveyance thereof with the several purchasers, but that no patent issued for said tract called Phillips's Farewel before the said John Phillips died, and that no conveyance was made by the said John Phillips to the purchasers of said tract of land, according to the tenor of the several conveyance bonds, and that the purchase money not being heretofore paid by the several purchasers of said land, and the purchasers refusing to pay the same until deeds are executed to them according to the terms of their contracts as aforesaid, the petitioner has not an opportunity of settling said estate as administratrix, until said land is patented and conveyed to the several purchasers; your committee do therefore recommend a resolution, empowering and directing the register of the land-office to make out in the name of, and grant to, the said Rhode Phillips, a patent for the said tract of land called Phillips's Farewel, in order that the said Rhode Phillips may be enabled to convey to the several purchasers of the said tract of land their respective parts, and receive of the several purchasers the purchase money. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to James O'Bryon the sum of forty-nine pounds six shillings and four-pence, which sum appears to have been paid by him to the treasurer of the eastern shore, as collector of the tax for Queen-Anne's county in the year 1786, on account of insolvencies, which could not be ascertained at the time he was compelled to settle his accounts with the commissioners of the tax for the county aforesaid, and which sum of forty-nine pounds six shillings and four-pence he appears to be entitled to on account of insolvencies for the year aforesaid, by a certificate of the commissioners aforesaid.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, November 22, 1791.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.