

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of William Augustine Washington, beg leave to report, that, having considered the propositions therein contained, and made some progress in the investigation of his claim, are of opinion that a reference to some persons, in the recess of the assembly, who may have more leisure and a better opportunity of examining into the subject, and liquidating and adjusting the claim, will be most likely to do justice both to the state and the memorialist. The committee are further induced to recommend this mode of settlement to the consideration of the house, as the means of a final conclusion of the business, it having been proposed to your committee by the memorialist, to oblige himself to abide by and submit to the adjustment which shall be made in the mode prescribed : But, as your committee are satisfied, from the examination which they have made, that there is indisputably more than one thousand pounds due from the state to the memorialist, and as it would be unjust to withhold that, the right to which cannot be denied, they recommend that the sum of one thousand pounds be advanced to the memorialist, and that a law should pass, appointing Robert Denny, the auditor-general, and William Campbell, the state's agent, commissioners for the purpose of settling, liquidating and finally adjusting, the further claim of the memorialist ; and that, on his giving security before the governor and council that he will stand to and be finally concluded by the said settlement, liquidation and adjustment, the treasurer be directed to issue certificates to him to the amount of the sum found to be due by the said auditor and William Campbell, the payment of which to be provided for as the house shall determine ; and that if the said auditor and William Campbell should differ in their opinion, that they should be authorised to call in a third person, whose decision should be conclusive. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Goldsborough brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Rhode Phillips, of Dorchester county ; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to increase the allowance of jurymen in the several county courts of this state ; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Chesley, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report on the memorial of William Fitzhugh ; which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of Robert Amos, collector of the public tax for Harford county for the years 1783 and 1785, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and it appears to them that the facts therein stated are true ; they are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the memorialist ought to be granted.

By order,

A. GOLDBER, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. O'Bryon, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Susanna Howser, of Frederick-town, the late widow of Casper Fritchie, deceased, in behalf of herself and the children of the said Casper Fritchie, report, that they have taken the same into their consideration, and do find that the facts therein contained are truly stated. They find also, that a petition was preferred to the last general assembly by the present petitioner, and a committee thereon appointed, who did report, that humanity ought to induce the legislature to relinquish the right of the state in the property therein mentioned, but, for want of time, no farther proceedings were then had thereon. Your committee are fully of opinion, from a view of all the circumstances, that the mercy of the legislature may, with propriety, be extended to those helpless orphans, and that an act ought to pass to relinquish the right of the state in all the property, both real and personal, that did belong to the said Casper Fritchie, and to vest the same in his three children, under the direction of the petitioner during their minority, or under such other regulations or restrictions as may be deemed expedient. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Jason Jenkins, of Prince-George's county, report, that they have examined the same, and are of opinion that a certificate ought to issue in favour of the petitioner, to the full amount of the one lost by him, upon his giving bond, with approved security, to the state of Maryland, to indemnify the state in case the same shall have been paid.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Abraham Gambell, late a soldier in the first Maryland regiment, 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 others similarly circumstanced. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read.

The bill to empower Margaret Lee Rogers, of Prince-George's county, to sell the personal property belonging to John Rogers, deceased, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr.