

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard Waters, of Dorchester county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find that the petitioner purchased of the intendant a lot of land, being part of the Indian Lands on Nanticoke river, in Dorchester county, and that a particular agreement was entered into between the said petitioner and the intendant, respecting a claim made by the heirs of colonel Ryder to a part of the lot so purchased, which accompanies this report. The committee further find, that the claim of the heirs of colonel Ryder has not yet been determined on, nor hath any suit been commenced against the claimants, who had a part of the said lot, in order to obtain a decision; that suit hath been commenced against the petitioner, judgment obtained, and execution issued for the amount of the whole lot, contrary to the spirit of the agreement aforesaid, under which the committee are of opinion no suit ought to have been commenced before a decision on the claim took place. The committee are of opinion, that the attorney-general be directed to institute an action of trespass and ejection, at the expence of the state, in the general court of the eastern shore, against the tenant or tenants in possession of any part of the said lot, to recover the possession thereof, and that, until there shall be a decision thereon, and an evaluation shall take place according to said agreement, all proceedings against the said Richard Waters shall cease, and all legal costs that have been already incurred by said suits shall be paid by the state. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read.

The bill to increase the allowance of jurymen in the several county courts of this state, was read the second time by especial order, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Douglass, appeared as follow:

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

Messrs	Carroll,	Hawkins,	Cockey,	Miller,	Dennis,	Douglass,
	Thomaz,	McPherson,	Denwood,	R. Bond,	Holland,	Lockerman,
	Hopewell,	Chapman,	Goldborough,	Hollingworth,	Ratcliff,	Emory,
	T. Bond,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Lecompte,	Oldham,	J. P. Marshall,	McMechen,
	T. Ringgold,	Ridgely,	Frazier,	Duvall,	Key,	Swearingen,
	J. Worthington,	Gough,	Eccleston,	O'Bryon,	P. Smith,	Tomlinson.
	Craik,					37.

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs	J. Ringgold,	T. Harwood,	Lowes,	Beatty,	Wilson,	Beall,
	Comegys,	Sherwood,	T. Marshall,	Burkhart,	Clagett,	Cresap,
	N. Worthington,	Tilghman,	T. Gantt,	Prall,	Oncale,	Barnes,
	Wilkinson,	Gibson,	Quynn,	Love,	Crabb,	Jacob.
	Chefley,	Waggaman,	Seney,			27.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

Whereas William Augustine Washington, of Virginia, is entitled to one twelfth part of the property of the late Principio Company, heretofore sold by commissioners in virtue of the acts for the confiscation of British property: And whereas the said William Augustine Washington has not received his full share of the said property, and has presented his memorial to the general assembly of Maryland, stating, that there is a large sum of money due him, not only on account of the sales of the said property so as aforesaid made by the said commissioners, but also on account of an unequal allotment of property of the said company made to Thomas Russell, late of Cecil county, under the authority of this state, and for certain sums of money due him from the said company; which said balance this legislature cannot conveniently ascertain; RESOLVED, That William Campbell, Esquire, of Annapolis, and Robert Denny, Esquire, be appointed to examine the claims stated in the memorial of the said William Augustine Washington, and finally to adjust, liquidate, ascertain and award, the balance which shall appear to be due to the said William Augustine Washington for his said claim; and if the said referees differ in their opinion, they are hereby directed to choose a third person, and the award of any two to be conclusive; and the said arbitrators shall have full power and authority to call upon the attorney-general of this state, or any other person or persons they may have reason to believe are acquainted with the affair in dispute, to give information touching the same; provided that the said William Augustine Washington shall, before the commissioners and referees proceed to examine and adjust the said claim, give bond to the state of Maryland, in the sum of six thousand pounds current money, conditioned for the performances of the said award on the part of the said William Augustine Washington.

And whereas, although this legislature cannot ascertain the exact balance due to the said William Augustine Washington, but as there appears a considerable sum owing him, to which no objection can justly be made: And whereas this legislature are desirous not to retain, further than can be done with propriety, the money claimed by the said William Augustine Washington, RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be directed to pay to the said William Augustine Washington the sum of one thousand pounds, on account of his said claim.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council of this state be and are hereby directed to take the bond of the said William Augustine Washington, which is before mentioned, and to receive the award of the said William Campbell and Robert Denny, and of the third person so as aforesaid chosen, if necessary; and, upon the same being lodged with the governor and council, that the treasurer of the western shore is hereby directed to issue certificates to the said William Augustine Washington for the amount of the sum found to be due him by the commissioners and referees aforesaid, with