

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1791.

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Sewell, of Harford county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and it appears that the facts therein stated are true, and are of opinion that a law ought to pass to correct the records agreeably to the original certificate lodged in the land-office. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk.

Which were read.

Mr. Love, from the committees, delivers to Mr. Speaker reports on the petitions of John Wilson and Robert Amos, junior; which were read.

Mr. Cockey has leave of absence till Thursday next.

A petition from Robert Walters, and others, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Sney, Mr. Wright, Mr. O'Bryon and Mr. Barnes, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. from the committee of claims, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from Uriah Forrest, claiming an allowance for expences incurred respecting Vanitaphorst's claim; which was read, and referred to Mr. Turner, Mr. Mercer and Mr. Wright, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William A. Needham, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find it supported by proper vouchers; the committee are therefore of opinion that the petitioner should be put on the half pay establishment; and recommend the following resolution:

Whereas William A. Needham, by his petition to this general assembly, hath set forth, that he was a serjeant in the late American army, and received a wound by a musket ball which passed through his body, and has rendered him incapable of gaining a subsistence by labour; and this general assembly considering it reasonable that the same relief should be extended to the said William A. Needham, as to others in similar circumstances, RESOLVED, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to grant unto the said William A. Needham, in future, half of the monthly pay which he the said William A. Needham received in the continental service, by orders drawn quarterly on the treasurer of the western shore for the same, and that the same be charged to the United States.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the attorney-general be and he is hereby requested to inquire into the legality of the adjudication of the commissioners, as to the lines of My Lady's Manor, under a commission to mark and bound the said lines, lately issued out of Baltimore county court, and if, in his opinion, the said adjudication is not according to law, to take the most effectual, and, at the same time, least expensive, steps, to call in question and try the same at the costs of the state; and if, in his opinion, the said adjudication is lawful, and ought to stand, to report such his opinion to the next general assembly, with the reasons thereof.

Which was read the first and second time, assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from Lazarus Harman, late a soldier in the Maryland line, praying half pay, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ratcliff, Mr. J. Worthington and Mr. Dennis, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Eccleston delivers to Mr. Speaker the following resolution:

Whereas it appears to this general assembly, that in the year 1785 Richard Waters purchased a lot of the Indian Lands, on Nanticoke river, of the then intendant, which lot was supposed to contain 395 acres; that at the time of the said sale, a claim being made to a part of the said lot by the heirs of the late colonel Ryder, it was stipulated between the intendant and the aforesaid Richard Waters, that in case the said claim should be established, a valuation should be made, by indifferent persons, of the part of the lot taken away by said claim, and a deduction made from the amount accordingly; that no step has been taken, on the part of the state, to obtain a decision of the said claim, and judgment has been recovered, and execution issued, against the aforesaid Richard Waters for the whole amount of the said lot, without regard to the agreement aforesaid, or the possession of the claimants of a part of the said lot; RESOLVED, That the attorney-general be directed to institute an action of trespass and ejectment in the general court of the eastern shore, to recover the possession of the property sold; and that, until a decision of the same shall take place, all process against the said Richard Waters be countermanded and discontinued, and that all cost incurred by said Richard Waters, by reason of said suits, be paid by the state.

Which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the relief of John Love, of Harford county, endorsed;

"By the senate, November 16, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, November 26, 1791: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

Ordered to be engrossed.

And a supplement to the act to prohibit the bringing of slaves into this state, and to alter and amend parts of the said act, endorsed; "By the senate, November 25, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

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