

Mr. M'Pherson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Cawood, of Charles county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find that an act of June session, 1780, chapter 8, section 7, the new bills, commonly called continental state money, were receivable at par for the sinking fund tax of seven shillings and six-pence, to be paid annually after the first day of January, 1781; that the said new bills, and also the bills commonly called black money, were receivable for the taxes imposed by the act to raise the supplies for the year 1781, at three for one. The committee have no doubt that considerable sums were received by the petitioner in each of those emissions of paper money, and they are of opinion that if a particular and separate account of the sums received in each could now be stated, the petitioner ought to have an allowance for the difference between the sums received in continental state and the sum for which he was credited by the state, but the committee have not time to examine into the particulars of all the receipts and payments, nor can it properly and justly be done during this session by a committee, but that the subject ought to be inquired into and the account stated by the auditor, and laid before the general assembly at their next session in November.

The committee also find, that the petitioner installed his debt to the state as required by law, to the amount of £. 5743 17 3, in the year 1790, payable in fourths annually, and in 1791 paid £. 1838 4 0 in part of the said debt, which, by an act of the last session, is payable in fifths annually. They further find, that large sums are due to the petitioner from his deputies, a considerable part of which, as it is secured by judgment, he may shortly receive; and whatever may be the true construction of the said acts, the committee are of opinion that the petitioner ought to be indulged according to the prayer of the petition, which requests an indulgence for the second payment until the first day of December, 1793, on payment of interest; they therefore submit to the honourable house the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That the auditor-general examine and liquidate the accounts of Benjamin Cawood, late collector of taxes for Charles county, and credit the said Benjamin Cawood, in the account to be stated, with all sums of continental state money at par, which he shall make appear, by indifferent testimony, he received from the people at par in payment of the sinking fund tax; and that the said account, when settled, shall lay before the general assembly at their session in November next, for their revision and examination.

RESOLVED, That no suit shall be instituted against Benjamin Cawood, of Charles county, on his bond to the state, passed 30th day of July, 1790, for the second payment, until the 1st day of December, 1793; provided, that the said Benjamin Cawood pay all arrears of interest on or before the first day of March next.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDBER, clk.

Mr. Jarrett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act to straighten and amend the public roads in Harford county, and to repeal part of the said act; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act directing the time, places and manner, of holding elections for representatives of this state in the congress of the United States, and for appointing electors on the part of this state for choosing a president and vice-president of the United States, and for the regulation of the said elections, and also to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The order of the day for the second reading of the bill for securing certain estates and property for the support and uses of ministers of the Roman Catholic religion, is postponed till Tuesday next.

The clerk of the senate delivers a letter from his excellency the governor and council, respecting a notification from that board to doctor Abraham Ridgely to attend as an elector of the president and vice-president, owing to the negligence of some of the sheriffs in making returns, endorsed; "By the senate, December 7, 1792: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates."

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

Which was read and referred to the consideration of the committee of claims.

And a letter from the honourable Richard Potts, accepting the appointment of senator to the United States.

The report on the petition of Ely Dorsey, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house assent to the resolution therein contained? Determined in the negative.

The resolution for repealing the resolution of the last session, authorising the issuing of certificates for claims barred by the act of limitation, was read the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to open a road through part of Montgomery county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 1, 1792: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

"By the senate, December 7, 1792: Read the second time and will pass."

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed:

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to repeal that part of the act, entitled, A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act directing the time, places and manner, of holding elections for representatives of this state in the congress of the United States, and for appointing electors on the part of this state for choosing a president and vice-president