

T U E S D A Y, December 18, 1792.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Cockey and Mr. Brogden. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Duvall, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John L. Elbert and Samuel Y. Keene, report, that they have examined into the facts set forth, and have no reason to doubt the truth of those facts. They find that regimental surgeons were provided for by congress, by receiving two thirds of the commutation granted to officers of the line, and they are informed and believe the fact to be so, that particular states have made up the remaining third to the officers, whereby they have been put, in such states, upon an equality with officers of the line. The committee can discover no good reason why there should be a distinction between the surgeons and assistant-surgeons of the army; if both equally discharge their duty, each are equally entitled to the attention of government. The committee are of opinion, that as the petitioners have been neglected by congress, they have reason to expect some reward from the state; the committee therefore propose that this state extend to the petitioners the liberality which other states have shewn to regimental surgeons, citizens of their states, which will be granting to them one third of the commutation allowed by congress to officers of the line; wherefore the following resolution is submitted to the house.

RESOLVED, That the auditor-general be and he is hereby authorized and required to state and adjust the accounts of John L. Elbert and Samuel Y. Keene, late assistant regimental surgeons in the Maryland line, and that they be allowed by this state one third of the commutation allowed by congress to their officers who were entitled to the like monthly pay, and that the treasurer of the western shore grant certificates accordingly.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Bowie appeared in the house.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the house took into consideration the subject matter of the petition of Rinaldo Johnson, and after hearing counsel, and some time spent in debate, the question was put, That the house reconsider the report on the petition of the securities of Thomas Williams? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale, appeared as follow:

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

Messieurs	Ford,	Campbell,	Goldborough,	Contee,	Sappington,	Amos,	
	Plater,	Ridgely,	Hollingsworth,	Duvall,	Nelson,	M'Mechen,	
	Tilghman,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Oldham,	Hutchings,	Jarrett,	Jacques,	
	Harwood,	Kerr,	Bowie,	Dorsey,	Prall,	Johnson.	25.
	Grahame,						

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Thomas,	Chapman,	Eccleston,	Townsend,	Driver,	Crabb,	
	Plowden,	M'Pherson,	Frazier,	Dennis,	Douglafs,	Oneale,	
	T. Ringgold,	Sherwood,	Eccleston, jun.	Purnell,	Loockerman,	Threlkeld,	
	J. Worthington,	Cox,	Ewing,	Corbin,	Ott,	Wootton,	
	Mackall,	Jones,	Clark,	Beatty,	Swearingen,	Bayard,	
	Freeland,	Dashiell,	O'Bryon,	Hughlett,	Cromwell,	Tomlinson.	39.

So it was determined in the negative.

The bill to continue an act for the better administration of justice in the several counties of this state, and the supplement thereto, 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. Oneale, appeared as follow:

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

Messieurs	Plater,	M'Pherson,	Cox,	Eccleston, jun.	Duvall,	M'Mechen,	
	T. Ringgold,	Hawkins,	Kerr,	Goldborough,	Dorsey,	Jacques,	
	Tilghman,	Campbell,	Jones,	Hollingsworth,	Sappington,	Crabb,	
	Grahame,	Ridgely,	Dashiell,	Oldham,	Nelson,	Johnson.	29.
	Chapman,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Denwood,	Sprigg,	Driver,		

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Thomas,	Freeland,	Clark,	Dennis,	Amos,	Cromwell,	
	Ford,	Brooke,	Contee,	Purnell,	Hughlett,	Oneale,	
	Plowden,	Eccleston,	O'Bryon,	Corbin,	Douglafs,	Wootton,	
	Harwood,	Frazier,	Barnes,	Beatty,	Loockerman,	Bayard,	
	J. Worthington,	Ewing,	Hutchings,	Jarrett,	Ott,	Tomlinson.	35.
	Mackall,	Bowie,	Townsend,	Prall,	Swearingen,		

So it was determined in the negative.

Whereas the chancellor of Maryland, by his decree made at October term last, did, amongst other things, order and direct, that a bond passed to the state of Maryland by Levin Winder and John Gale, should be delivered up to the said Levin Winder and John Gale, to be cancelled; therefore, RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to deliver up to the said Levin Winder and John Gale, or either of them, their bond, to be cancelled.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Chapman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act concerning petitions for freedom; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.