

sided thereon until his death; that the said Benjamin, the son of the lessee, left a son by the name of Samuel Chew, who was the father of Cassandra Chew, who intermarried with the petitioner; and that the lives of the aforesaid Benjamin Chew, Elizabeth Chew, and Phineas Chew, expired in the year 1771, and that a certain Samuel Chew, the father of the petitioner's wife, was the lawful heir of the aforesaid Benjamin Chew, the lessee, and that the said Samuel Chew lived till the year 1776, without having renewed the lease aforesaid, and from the best information offered to the committee, they find that no renewal of the lease aforesaid has ever been since made by any of the heirs of the aforesaid lessee. The committee further report, that the reversion in the demised premises being in a British subject, the same became subject to confiscation by the act for the seizure and confiscation of British property, and on the seventh day of June, 1792, the agent of this state sold the state's right thereto to a certain Nathaniel Chew, of Cæcil county, for £.270, who passed his bond, with security, for that sum, payable to the state. From the foregoing facts, the committee doubt the propriety of the interference of the legislature. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

C. WAYMAN, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Naylor Harbin, of Montgomery county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill further supplementary to an act, entitled, An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Dennis, Mr. Whittington and Mr. Duvall, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore-town and county, praying an act may pass, prohibiting millers, stone-haulers and iron-masters, within five miles of Baltimore-town, from driving on the public roads within the neighbourhood of said town any waggons or carts, unless the felloes of the wheels of the same be four inches from side to side, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Howard and Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. to consider and report thereon.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, November 20, 1793.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion, the question was put, That on a call of the house on any question, every member in the committee room shall be called for the purpose of dividing on the question, and should he refuse to divide, unless excused by the house, his refusal, at the request of any member, shall be noted on the journal; and that this shall be a rule for the government of this house during this session? Resolved in the affirmative.

A petition from John Parks, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore-town, stating, that Henry Speck, of said town, is the possessor of a lot of ground in said town which projects a considerable distance into Water-street, and renders the passage of carts, waggons and drays, extremely inconvenient, which the said Henry Speck has agreed shall be removed, upon receiving a reasonable compensation for the same, and praying an act may pass, authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money sufficient for that purpose, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Crabb and Mr. Howard, to consider and report thereon.

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

BY THE COMMITTEE OF CLAIMS.

YOUR committee beg leave to report, that they have examined the accounts and proceedings of Thomas Harwood, Esquire, treasurer of the western shore, and find, by an account settled by the committee of claims, the first of November, 1792, there was a balance of £. 19,856 1 2 specie, 214,942 dollars and 27 cents six per cent. stock, 361,980 dollars and 76 cents three per cent. stock, and 60,011 dollars 16 cents deferred six per cent. stock, remaining in the treasury.

That it appears to your committee, by the accounts of said treasurer, he hath received from the treasurer of the eastern shore the sum of £. 653 1 2 specie; for escheats, caution, and improvements on land certificates, the sum of £. 5006 16 1½ specie; from the register of the chancery court £. 366 4 0 specie; for bonds in the old loan-office 430 dollars 39 cents deferred stock, £. 42 1 4 for interest due on continental loan-office certificates liquidated, £. 39 17 8 depreciation certificates, interest due on said certificates £. 29 11 0, and £. 392 7 0 specie; for fines and forfeitures £. 290 3 11 specie; for marriage licences £. 983 4 0 specie; for ordinary and retailers licences £. 1399 6 10½ specie; for taxes under the act for the better administration of justice £. 493 6 4 specie; for taxes under the act for establishing and securing the salary to the chancellor £. 549 6 2½ specie; for duties in the naval department £. 40 0 0 specie; for confiscated property 686 dollars 45 cents six per cent. stock, 31,521 dollars 9 cents deferred stock, 420 dollars three per cent. stock, £. 4613 17 1 certificates for debts adjusted, interest on said certificates £. 198 2 6, £. 2055 6 2 continental certificates liquidated, interest due on said certificates £. 140 9 9, £. 1881 19 5 depreciation certificates, interest due on said certificates £. 1148 14 3, £. 867 7 11 certificates for debts against persons convicted of treason, interest due on said certificates £. 121 8 4, £. 24 7 0 bills of credit emitted by an act of June session, 1780, interest on said bills £. 15 10 5, and £. 5504 9 8½ specie; for taxes from the collectors of the several counties on the western shore

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