

that they have taken the same under consideration, and are of opinion that a law ought to pass agreeably to the prayer of said petition. All which is submitted.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Ridout and Mr. Digges, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick and Montgomery counties, praying an act may pass for opening and clearing a road from Taney-town through Liberty-town and Newmarket to George-town, was preferred, read, and referred to the next session of assembly.

Mr. Ridout, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower William Goldsmith to collect the balances due him as sheriff and collector of Anne-Arundel county; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The following message being prepared, was read, agreed to nemine contradicente, and sent to the senate, with the bill to ascertain the allowance of the members of the general assembly, by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 17, 1795.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have returned you the bill, entitled, An act to ascertain the allowance of the members of the general assembly, for your reconsideration. The increased price of the necessaries of life, and the actual expenditures of the members, exceeds the existing allowance, with every attention to economy in the management thereof. We are conscious that our constituents neither wish or require a pecuniary sacrifice on the part of their delegates in their necessary attendance on the duties incident to their appointment, and we are of opinion that the situation of our public funds neither exacts or justifies such a degree of parsimony. The enlargement of the per diem is barely commensurate to the exigencies under which it originated.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Mr. Shriver has leave of absence.

The house took up the reconsideration of the report on the petition of the Patuxent Associates, agreeably to the determination of yesterday, and, on motion, the question was put, That the house concur with the said report? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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

Messieurs	W. Thomas,	Hall,	M'Pherson,	Hollingsworth,	Quynn,	M'Mechen,
	Hopewell,	Horrell,	Digges,	Ward,	Key,	Burgels,
	Neale,	Chesley,	Ridgely,	Calvert,	Brother,	J. Johnson,
	Spencer,	J. Thomas,	Ridgely, of Wm.	W. Bowie,	Driver,	Lynn,
	Pinkney,	Parnham,	Steele,	T. Bowie,	Wincheller,	Cresap.
	Ridout,					

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N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Barroll,	Sherwood,	Robertson,	C. Frazier,	Beatty,	Mitchell,
	J. Worthington,	Carroll,	Gilpin,	Robins,	Shriver,	Clarke,
	Brome,	Nutter,	R. Bond,	Dennis,	J. Bond,	Brooke,
	Merryman,	Hyland,	O'Bryon,	Whittington,	Jarrett,	Oneale,
	Roberts,	Craig,	Brown,	Corbin,	Montgomery,	Beall.
	Martin,					

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The house being equally divided, the question was declared in the affirmative by the speaker.

Whereas the late Benedict Calvert, about the year seventeen hundred and seventy, commenced actions of ejectment against the purchasers of Anne-Arundel manor, in Anne-Arundel county, which suits were defended by the said purchasers, under an agreement to contribute so much per acre for the lands they respectively held, and in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-two, after a very heavy expence incurred, the said cause was determined in the court of appeals in favour of the said purchasers: And whereas the right of this state to four lots of land lying within the said manor became ascertained by the decision aforesaid: And whereas it is but reasonable and just that the state should contribute to the expences of said suit in proportion to the number of acres by her held within said manor, and which, since the determination of said suit, hath been sold as confiscated property; RESOLVED, That the auditor be authorized, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to liquidate and ascertain the sum due from this state on account of the defence of said suit, upon the same principles and in the same proportion as the respective purchasers and tenants on Anne-Arundel manor have contributed, and that the treasurer pay the amount of the sum so liquidated and ascertained to John Thomas and Thomas Tillard, agents for the said purchasers in defence of said suit, in full of the state's contributory part. Sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill to authorize in certain cases the adjournment of the courts therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed with the proposed amendment, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Amendment proposed. Seventh line, after the word "the" insert "register or."

On motion, ORDERED, That the Printer to the state strike one hundred copies of the auditor's report, with the enclosures, for the use of the general assembly.

Upon the second reading of the resolution in favour of Rinaldo Johnson, the question was put, That the said resolution be withdrawn? Resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate delivers the supplement to an act, entitled, An act to lay out several turnpike roads in Baltimore county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 14, 1795: Read the first time" and ordered to lie on the table.

By order,

H. WARFIELD, clk.

By