

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Emory Sudler, junior, and wife, of Queen-Anne's county, executors of William Wright, who was collector of the tax of said county in the years seventeen hundred and eighty-one and two, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and believe the facts therein stated to be true, and that in transacting his said office of collector he paid to the state one hundred and twenty-eight bushels and one half bushel of wheat more than he received from the receiver appointed by the commissioners of the tax for the district of Church-hill. Your committee are of opinion, that at the time the loss of the wheat happened, the intrinsic value was only five shillings, although by the act of seventeen hundred and eighty-one it was to be received for taxes at the rate of one dollar per bushel; they are therefore of opinion, that the said Emory Sudler, and wife, as executors of the said William Wright, has a just claim against the state of thirty-two pounds two shillings and six-pence, with interest from the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-two, in lieu of and in satisfaction for the one hundred and twenty-eight and an half bushels of wheat advanced to the state by the said William Wright, as collector of the tax as aforesaid, and submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Emory Sudler, junior, and wife, executors of William Wright, the sum of thirty-two pounds two shillings and six-pence, with interest from the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-two, in satisfaction for one hundred and twenty-eight bushels and one half bushel of wheat, which the said William Wright, as collector of the tax for Queen-Anne's county in the years seventeen hundred and eighty-one and seventeen hundred and eighty-two, accounted for with the state more than he received, by means of the ravages of the fly while the wheat remained in the public granaries appointed by law, and before the commissary ordered the same to be taken away.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Elizabeth Canter, widow of William Canter, junior, of Charles county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Digges, Mr. Parnham and Mr. M'Pherson, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Lethbury and John Wilkins, praying to be released from the payment of the fifteen per cent. due from them to the state as securities of John Denwood, late sheriff of Somerset county, find the facts therein stated to be true, and are of opinion that the said petitioners ought to be relieved agreeable to the prayer of the said petitioners, and beg leave to submit the following resolution:

Whereas John Lethbury and John Wilkins, securities for John Denwood, late sheriff and collector of Somerset county, became liable to pay to the state a considerable sum of money, and as fifteen per cent. has been incurred on the said judgment, RESOLVED, That the said John Lethbury and John Wilkins be and they are hereby released from the payment of the said fifteen per cent. on the payment of the interest of six per cent. on the principal sum.

All which is submitted.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of the visitors and governors of St. John's college, report, that they have taken the same under consideration, and find that from the tenth day of November, seventeen hundred and ninety-four, to the tenth day of November, seventeen hundred and ninety-five, the following payments have been made for the use of the college, viz. By the state of Maryland the annual donation, £. 1750, by several subscribers £. 713 17 6, and by the students for tuition, fire-wood, pens and ink, £. 570 13 4, amounting in the whole to £. 3034 15 10.

The committee also find, that from the tenth day of November, seventeen hundred and ninety-four, to the tenth day of November, seventeen hundred and ninety-five, the said visitors and governors have paid away the sum of £. 1958 12 in salaries to the several professors and masters of said college, and the sum of £. 187 10 to the guardians of the poor boys on the foundation of said college, which said payments amount in the whole to £. 2146 2.

The committee further find, that during the last year some money has been expended in repairing and completing the buildings, and improving the grounds of the college, under the direction and management of some of the board of visitors and governors, who have, for that purpose, a power of drawing on their treasurer for a sum not exceeding £. 1250, but a particular account of the expenditures of this money has not been laid before the committee, nor has any account come to their hands of the sums expended in the purchase of necessary articles for the use of the seminary, or of the commissions paid to their treasurer and collector.

All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read.

The bill to lay out and open a road from the crossing place on Little Monocacy to Zachariah Maccubbin's mill on Seneca, and from thence to intersect the main road leading from Fredericktown to George-town and the city of Washington at or near the place called Log-town, was read the second time and passed.

The bill to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned, was read the second time by especial order, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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