

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of George Richardson, of Worcester county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true, and are of opinion, that as the relief therein prayed for has been usually granted to all applicants similarly circumstanced, the same relief ought to be extended in this case. Your committee therefore beg leave to submit to the house the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That George Richardson, late collector of the fund tax for Worcester county, be and he is hereby released from the payment of the fifteen per cent. on paying the interest of six per cent. on the principal sum due from the said George, as collector aforesaid.

All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

S. LUCKETT, clk.

Which was read.

The following message being prepared, was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 15, 1796.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have appointed Mr. Ridout, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Robins, Mr. Wm. Thomas and Mr. Duckett, a committee on the part of this house to join such gentlemen as you may please to nominate on your part, to form a joint committee of both houses, to compare and examine all bills, from time to time during the session, as soon as they shall be severally engrossed.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

A petition from George Sweney, of Saint-Mary's county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from Walter Billingsley, David Clark and Margaret Love, executors of John Love, late of Harford county, stating, that they are in possession of a certificate issued by the state of Maryland, payable to a certain John Cooney, a soldier, for the sum of £. 85 3 4, that the said certificate passed current until 1784, when it was discovered that it had been fraudulently obtained, and payment stopped at the treasury, and praying relief in the premises, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Oneale, Mr. Prall and Mr. Montgomery, to consider and report thereon.

A remonstrance from Thomas Bond, of Harford county, stating, that John Montgomery, Esquire, one of the delegates returned for said county, is not eligible, and praying his seat may be vacated, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee of elections and privileges.

Petitions from Leon Changeur, of Baltimore-town, and John Savin and Thomas Makin, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

The house, having qualified agreeably to the constitution and form of government, proceeded to the choice of a governor, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that John Hoskins Stone, Esquire, was unanimously elected. Whereupon,

RESOLVED, That John Hoskins Stone, Esquire, be, and he is hereby declared to be, governor of the state of Maryland.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Basil Williams, of Cæcil county, report, that on inquiry into the case of the petitioner it appears, that Patrick Hamilton, late sheriff and collector of Cæcil county, had an account, which, including interest to the 1st of September, 1787, amounted to £. 116 6 2, against Robert Christie, whose property was confiscated by this state; that said account was admitted, and there being a dividend of nine shillings in the pound to the creditors of said estate, said Hamilton had a right to receive £. 52 6 9 thereon. It further appears to the committee, that said Hamilton never received payment nor credit from the treasury for said claim, and that he was indebted to the state as sheriff and collector as aforesaid, for which his securities are liable. The committee therefore suggest the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore place to the credit of the securities of Patrick Hamilton, late sheriff and collector of Cæcil county, fifty-two pounds six shillings and ninepence, with interest from the first day of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, being the dividend of a claim which said Hamilton had against the estate of Robert Christie, which was confiscated by this state.

All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 15, 1796.

GENTLEMEN,

THE joint committee of both houses having reported that the honourable John Hoskins Stone is elected governor, we think proper to notify the same to him, and request his attendance in the senate room to qualify agreeably to law, and have appointed James Hollyday, Esquire, to join any member of your house for that purpose.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and the following message prepared in answer thereto, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

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