

A petition from Thomas Contee, stating, that Jane Contee obtained two judgments against Samuel Hyde in the year 1746; that the petitioner, as executor of Jane Contee, issued process in the year 1783, to revive and obtain attachments on the said judgments; that it appears by the docket, that the writs were returned non est, and that short notes were set up as the law directs, but that no further proceedings were had thereon; and praying to be indemnified out of the confiscated effects of said Samuel Hyde, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Chapman, Mr. Key, Mr. Addison, Mr. Duckett and Mr. Thomas, of Charles, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to prevent the exportation of wheat and corn flour not merchantable from the port of Chester-town, in Kent county. ORDERED, That Mr. Nicholson, Mr. J. C. Thomas and Mr. Angier, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Godman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel and Mary Coe, have taken the same into consideration, and beg leave to report, that they find that letters of administration were granted by the register of wills for Anne-Arundel county unto the said petitioners, to administer all and singular the goods and chattels, &c. of a certain James Lipscomb, deceased, who, as it is therein said, died intestate; and it appears that the said James Lipscomb was a soldier in the third Maryland regiment in seventeen hundred and seventy-eight, and that he continued and remained in the army until the dissolution thereof in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-three, as appears by a certificate signed Lewis Nicolas, brigadier-general, dated 27th August, 1789. It also appears to your committee, that the said James Lipscomb did receive his depreciation and five months pay from the state, but did not receive his final settlement certificates, owing to his name being omitted on the books. And it appearing that the petitioners, administrators of the said Lipscomb, having boarded and supported him from the year 1783, to the 20th day of December, 1790, and also paid his funeral expences, they therefore recommend the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That ——— issue to Samuel Coe and Mary Coe, administrators of James Lipscomb, a final settlement certificate for the pay due to said Lipscomb, in the same manner, and for the same time, that said Lipscomb would have been entitled provided his name had been inserted on the army books.

All which is submitted.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Swales, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of William Fitzhugh, of Washington county, report, that they have examined and considered the subject matter thereof, and are of opinion that the same ought not to be allowed. All which is submitted.

By order,

R. K. WATTS, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the select vestry of Saint-Paul's parish, lying partly in Queen-Anne's and partly in Talbot counties, to raise a sum of money by lottery for the purpose of purchasing a glebe, and parsonage-house for the accommodation of the rector for the time being of the said parish; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, November 17, 1797.

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

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill relating to coroners and constables in the several counties of this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Kerr and Mr. Robins, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill for the relief of Nicholas Sluby be committed for amendment.

A petition from Robert S. Smithy, of Montgomery county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. P. Magruder, Mr. R. Magruder and Mr. Swales, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from John Eager Howard, and others, praying that the laws of this state respecting the valuation of lease-hold property in the city of Baltimore may be amended, was preferred and read.

ORDERED, That the petitioners be heard by counsel at the bar of the house on Friday week next.

A petition from Henry Stevenson, late sheriff of Baltimore county, praying a further time to complete his collection, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Worthington, Mr. Merryman and Mr. Brome, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, ORDERED, That the resolution of the house respecting the petition of John Eager Howard, and others, be published in the Federal Gazette and Telegraphe news-papers of Baltimore, at the expence of the petitioners, and that the adverse parties, if any, be entitled to be heard by counsel at the bar of this house at the same time.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to prohibit the pernicious practice of excessive gaming. ORDERED, That Mr. Swales, Mr. Brome and Mr. E. Brown, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Ezekiel Towson, of Baltimore county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition