

On motion, the question was put, That the words "and report their opinion thereon" be added to the said resolution? Resolved in the affirmative.

The resolution being read throughout, the question was put, That the house assent thereto? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Messieurs	Plowden,	T. Buchanan,	Kerr,	Wilson,	Gift,	C. Beall,	
	J. C. Thomas,	Merryman,	Craig,	Robins,	Bennett,	R. Magruder,	
	Taney,	Carroll,	Pattison,	Rackliff,	Mitchell,	Clarke,	
	Brome,	Worthington,	Wallace,	Thomas, Fred.	Kerfner,	A. Beall.	28.
	Thomas, Chas.	E. Brown,	Matthews,	Bruce,			
		N E G A T I V E.					
Messieurs	Leigh,	Hall,	Harwood,	Quynn,	Jarrett,	Riley,	
	Greenwell,	Godman,	Jones,	Nicholson,	M'Comas,	Swaites,	
	Angier,	Bourne,	Goldborough,	J. Brown,	Bond,	Tomlinson,	
	Comegys,	Chapman,	Miller,	C. Frazier,	Young,	Rice.	29.
	Brogden,	Sherwood,	Duckett,	Montgomery,	Potter,		

So it was determined in the negative.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Allegany county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners is reasonable, and therefore merits the interposition of the general assembly.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Townly, of Anne-Arundel county, late a soldier in the Maryland line, having examined the certificate and vouchers accompanying the same, are of opinion that the petitioner is worthy of, and entitled to, legislative aid and support; therefore beg leave to submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to pay unto Henry Townly, of Anne-Arundel county, the sum of _____, for half pay due to him as a disabled soldier in the service of this state from the first day of December next; and that the treasurer of the western shore for the time being is hereby authorized and directed to pay unto the said Henry Townly, for and during his natural life, the annual sum of _____, to be computed from the said first day of December next as aforesaid, for his half pay as a disabled soldier; provided, if the said Henry Townly should at any time hereafter be put on the pension list of the United States, that from and after the time that he may be entered on the said list his half pay from this state shall cease to be paid by the treasurer as aforesaid.

All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

S. MAYNARD, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard Tilghman, and others, of Queen-Anne's county, beg leave to report, that they have examined the facts set forth in the same, and find that the petitioners, with several other persons, composed the vestry of Saint-Paul's parish, lying partly in Queen-Anne's and partly in Talbot counties, from the year 1765 to the year 1776, inclusive; that large sums of tobacco were ordered by the legislature of the then province to be levied on the inhabitants of the said parish, for the purpose of building a new church and repairing the old chapel in the said parish; that the sums so ordered to be levied were found to be insufficient for accomplishing the objects contemplated, and the vestry, under an impression that the legislature would order new sums to be levied to reimburse them, borrowed, on their own individual account, considerable sums of money, for the purpose of completing the buildings; that those sums of money, so borrowed, were expended on the buildings; and that by an account laid before your committee, the parish appears to be indebted to the said vestry for money actually by them expended, over and above the sums levied and voluntarily contributed in the full sum of £.2911 0 0, including interest; that every item of this account is supported by the best vouchers, and your committee do not entertain a single doubt, but that the account stands perfectly correct, as to the several charges made; that your committee believe, from very respectable testimony, that considerable sums, independent of those charged, were expended, but no vouchers have been produced to support a claim for those sums; that the commencement of our revolution prevented an application to the legislature for a new levy; and your committee are of opinion, that the present inhabitants of the parish would not, at this time, consent that a tax should be imposed on them for the purpose of reimbursing the petitioners, although justice demands they should be reimbursed all the money laid out by them, and no plan so eligible as that of a lottery offers itself for the attainment of this end. Your committee therefore are of opinion that a law ought to pass, authorising the petitioners to raise a lottery a sum of money, not exceeding the sum of three thousand pounds, for the purpose of reimbursing them the several sums expended by them as above reported, and the expences of drawing said lottery.

All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

A. GOLDR, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Dorchester county, praying an act may pass for establishing a public road, to extend from Easton to some suitable landing on Choptank river opposite to Cambridge and that the same be maintained by Talbot county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Kerr, Goldborough and Mr. Angier, to consider and report thereon.

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