

Mr. Swearingen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower the levy court of Montgomery county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the support of Cassandra Thompson; which was read the first and second time by especial order, and passed.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill to repeal an act, entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state? Determined in the negative.

A memorial from certain original proprietors of lands within the city of Washington, praying that they may be authorized to lay out the squares, lots and parcels of ground assigned to them, into such building-lots as may be thought most useful and proper, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Addison, Mr. Duckett, Mr. Quynn and Mr. Hall, to consider and report thereon.

The following question being propounded to the house, was read, viz.

Whereas Frederick Green, of the city of Annapolis, purchased of this state an undivided fifth part of lot No. 27, in the said city, for the sum of four hundred and ninety-five pounds, and paid a considerable sum into the treasury in part discharge of the said purchase money: And whereas the said Frederick Green did, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, file his bill in chancery to be released from the said purchase, and to have restitution of the sum so as aforesaid paid to the public; and on the hearing of the said bill it was ordered and decreed by the chancellor, that the complainant's bond should be given up and cancelled, and that he should be entitled to a restitution of the money, certificates, or other thing received from him by the state on account of the said purchase, or the value thereof, with interest from the time of the said decree; and it is just and reasonable that the decree aforesaid should be carried into effect; RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and required to pay to the said Frederick Green all money or certificates paid by the said Frederick Green to the state for or on account of the purchase aforesaid, or the value thereof at the time of signing the said decree, together with an interest of six per cent. thereon from the time of signing the said decree, and that the bond of the said Frederick Green be delivered up agreeably to the said decree.

The following message being prepared, was read and agreed to.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 19, 1798.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have appointed Mr. Barroll, Mr. E. K. Wilson, Mr. Winder, Mr. Steuart and Mr. Duckett, a committee on the part of this house, to join such gentlemen as you may please to nominate, to form a 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.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Darby M'Lemara, have taken the same into consideration, and report the following facts: That the petitioner was a brave and faithful soldier in Smallwood's regiment; that he was present in many of the severest actions in the late war with Great-Britain, and is disabled from procuring his livelihood by labour from the many and severe wounds he received in the service of his country; they find he has been shot through the thigh, disabled in his left hand, and several pieces of his skull taken out; and they further find, that on the 4th day of May, 1782, three certificates issued to the petitioner, to wit: No. 1772 for £. 20 0 0, No. 1773 for £. 20 0 0 No. 1774 for £. 31 8 3; your committee report, that from an advertisement and affidavit made in the year 1783, they verily believe the petitioner lost said certificates, and they are further confirmed in this belief from the testimony of the treasurer, that the said certificates have never been brought in, cancelled, or subscribed as part of the debt due from this state, and assumed by the United States, since the first day of November, 1795, up to this period. And your committee are of opinion that the petitioner is entitled to relief, and submit the propriety of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Darby M'Lemara, a wounded and disabled soldier, the sum of £. 71 8 3 current money, with interest from the 1st of August, 1780, till paid, being the amount of three state certificates issued to him for depreciation of his pay, and lost in the year 1783.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

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

Petitions from Benjamin Marshall, junior, of Baltimore city, James Brown, of Charles county, and Thomas Gerard Slye, of Montgomery county, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

RESOLVED, That the committee of claims be authorized and directed, and they are hereby authorized and directed, to examine and burn the sum of eight thousand eight hundred and fifty pounds of the emissions made in pursuance of an act of congress of the eighteenth of March, seventeen hundred and eighty, which lays in the treasury and was never introduced into circulation.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, November 20, 1798.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Robert Greenwell, a delegate returned for Saint-Mary's county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house.

Petitions from Benjamin M. Ward, of Talbot county, John Lee Gibson and John Bull, of Harford county, and Daniel ViStory, of Baltimore city, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A representation