

A petition from John B. Gauline, praying to be divorced from his wife, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report :

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas White, of Frederick county, report, that they have carefully examined into the accounts of said petitioner, and are of opinion that there is now due to the said Nicholas White, from the state of Maryland, the sum of £. 78 16 3 current money, with interest thereon from the 25th day of June, 1799 ; they therefore submit the following resolution :

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay unto Nicholas White, or order, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, the sum of £. 78 16 3 current money, with interest thereon from the 25th day of June, 1799.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act to straighten and amend the public roads in Harford county, and to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned ; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from John M'Comas, of James, of Harford county, stating, that he sustained damages to the amount of £. 45 by cutting a road through his land agreeably to law, and praying relief, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Lytle, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. E. Davis, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Mason, from the committee of claims, delivers to the speaker the following report :

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth Rouse, of Caroline county, report, that they have considered the same, and find that a certain Thomas Hobee, late a soldier in the fifth Maryland regiment, was killed at the battle of Camden in the year 1780, and that there was due to the said Thomas Hobee a balance from the state as a depreciation on his pay ; they therefore submit the following resolution :

RESOLVED, That the auditor be and he is hereby authorized and directed to settle with Elizabeth Rouse, or the legal representative of Thomas Hobee, late a soldier in the fifth Maryland regiment, and grant a certificate, bearing interest from the time of issuing the same, to the said Elizabeth Rouse, or the legal representative aforesaid, for the depreciation of pay which may appear to the auditor to have been due and unpaid to the said Thomas Hobee, and that the governor and council be and they are hereby authorized to draw on the treasurer of the western shore in favour of said Elizabeth Rouse, or the legal representative of the said Thomas Hobee, for the amount of the pay so as aforesaid due and unpaid to the said Thomas Hobee in his life-time.

By order,

Z. DUVALL, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. M'Pherson, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report :

THE committee to whom were referred the letter of the governor of the 7th instant, and sundry papers therein enclosed, beg leave to report, that they consider the interposition of the legislature unnecessary with respect to any of the subjects of those communications, except the application of the inspector of gunpowder for the state of Pennsylvania by a letter to the governor of this state, proposing the establishment of a similar inspection here ; on this subject your committee are of opinion that the legal establishment of such an inspection would probably tend to the improvement of the manufacture of that article within this state, and to prevent impositions by the venders of it, but the letter of the said inspector of Pennsylvania does not furnish sufficient information to enable your committee to propose any plan for the purpose. All which is submitted.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Richard Butler, of Frederick county, deputy-quartermaster, praying depreciation of pay due him, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Nelson, Mr. Shriver and Mr. Bowie, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from William Gardiner, of Charles county, praying to be exonerated from the balance of a debt due the state as one of the securities of Benjamin Cawood, former collector of Charles county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Chapman, Mr. Harwood, Mr. P. Stuart, Mr. Mackall and Mr. M'Pherson, to consider and report thereon.

The bill for the benefit of Benjamin Ward, of Prince-George's county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report :

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard Butler, of Frederick county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the allegations therein contained to be true, and they are of opinion there is justly due to the petitioner the sum of £. 52 7 10½ current money, with interest thereon from the 15th of March, 1781 ; they therefore recommend the following resolution :

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay unto Richard Butler, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, the sum of £. 52 7 10½, with interest thereon from the 15th day of March, 1781.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.