

liquidate the same in such manner as to him shall appear equitable and right, and upon such liquidation, to decree the debt due from the said securities. Your committee find, by the decree of the chancellor, dated March 2, 1795, in compliance with the said resolution, that at the time the said fieri facias was laid in 1790, there was only £. 1,431 13 1 due from the securities, which sum is £. 13,103 11 11 less than the fieri facias was laid for. Your committee find, by the account and receipt of Edward Lloyd Wailes, the then sheriff of Prince-George's county, that the securities paid poundage fees to amount of £. 140 14 7 more than what was due on the amount of the debt actually due to the state, which sum your committee find was not credited in the settlement made by the chancellor. Your committee are of opinion, that as the securities of Thomas Williams paid the sum of £. 140 14 7 poundage fees, in consequence of the fieri facias being issued for a greater sum than what was actually due to the state, the same not being credited in the settlement made by the chancellor, the said Rinaldo Johnson and Elisha Berry ought to be reimbursed the sum of £. 140 14 7, with interest thereon from the day of payment to the sheriff. Your committee further find, by the statement made by the chancellor under the resolution of the general assembly aforesaid, that the securities of Thomas Williams collected and paid into the treasury the sum of £. 1,778 17 0, part of the 15^s additional tax of 1781, and the 7^s/₆ tax of 1782, for which said taxes they were not answerable under their bonds as securities of Thomas Williams, but it appearing to the chancellor that they had received the same in course of their collection of taxes for which they were liable, the chancellor accordingly charged the said sum of £. 1,778 17 0 aforesaid in the statement by him made on the 2d March, 1795, without making the said securities any allowance therefor as a commission for the collection and payment of the same into the treasury; your committee are therefore of opinion that a reasonable commission should be paid by the state for the receipt and payment of the same, and therefore submit the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Rinaldo Johnson and Elisha Berry, or order, the sum of £. 140 14 7, with interest thereon from the eleventh day of June, 1792, the same being for poundage fees paid by them as securities for Thomas Williams, former collector of the taxes in Prince-George's county, on a fieri facias issued by the state of Maryland, returnable to October term, 1790, it appearing, that by the settlement made by the chancellor that the fieri facias was issued for a much greater sum than was due to the state, in consequence of which the securities paid the sum of £. 140 14 7 more than what was due on the debt actually due to the state.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Rinaldo Johnson and Elisha Berry, or order, the commission of — per cent. on the sum of £. 1,778 17 0, part of the 15^s additional tax of 1781, and 7^s/₆ tax of 1782, collected and paid into the treasury on the 16th day of June, 1791, by them, as securities of Thomas Williams, former collector of the taxes of Prince-George's county, as appears by the chancellor's decree of 21 March, 1795, for the receipt and payment of which no allowance was made to the said Rinaldo Johnson and Elisha Berry in the settlement of the accounts between the securities aforesaid and the state of Maryland by the chancellor.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from George Scoon, of Kent county, stating, that he served a considerable time in the revolutionary war, and got severely wounded during that time, so that he is not able to gain a livelihood by his manual labour, and praying relief, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Hatcheson, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Angier, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of Thomas Johnson, of Frederick county, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house assent to the resolution therein contained? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Young, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the encouragement of learning in Caroline county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 26, 1803.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE flatter ourselves that all the business of any importance now before us may be acted on so as to enable us to close the session on Saturday next, we therefore propose that both houses adjourn on that day.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

On the second reading of the bill for the encouragement of learning in Queen-Anne's county, the question was put, That the words "five hundred dollars" be inserted in the said bill? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the words "four hundred dollars" be inserted in the said bill? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the following be stricken out of the said bill? to wit: "And be it enacted, that the treasurer of the eastern shore shall be for ever hereafter authorised and required to pay annually, on or before the first day of June, the sum of — dollars as a public donation to the trustees of the said academy, or to their order. And be it enacted, that the trustees of the said academy shall, annually, on or before the twenty-fifth day of November in each year, return to the general assembly an account of all sums by them received in