

vouchers produced by the memorialist in support of payment, of the several sums alleged by the memorialist to have been laid out in paying the expences alluded to in the condition of his bond, executed to the state by himself, together with Allen Quynn and Jeremiah Townley Chase, Esquires, his securities, dated the twenty-seventh day of April, seventeen hundred and eighty-five.

The committee further report, that it appears, from satisfactory evidence offered by the memorialist, that he paid, according to the condition of the bond aforesaid, to William Lyon, his solicitor in the high court of chancery of Great-Britain, for his bill of costs and expences incurred for prosecuting and defending suits in the said court on behalf of this state, from April, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, to December, eighteen hundred and one, the sum of two hundred and forty pounds one shilling and nine-pence sterling, to wit: Fifty pounds sterling on the thirteenth day of April, seventeen hundred and eighty-six, six pounds sterling on the eighth day of May, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, one hundred and sixty-seven pounds five shillings and nine pence sterling on the twenty-first day of October, seventeen hundred and ninety-six, sixteen pounds sixteen shillings sterling on the tenth day of December, eighteen hundred and one.

The committee further report, that the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds sterling was directed to be deducted out of the said bond, by authority of the resolution of November session, seventeen hundred and ninety, which was accordingly done by the treasurer of the western shore on the twenty-seventh day of December, seventeen hundred and ninety, as appears by his endorsement on the said bond, by which said deduction and several payments the sum of money mentioned in the condition of the said bond hath been fully discharged, and the bond hath been overpaid by the memorialist in the sum of ninety pounds one shilling and nine-pence sterling money.

The committee are of opinion, that the sum of ninety pounds one shilling and nine-pence, so as aforesaid overpaid by the memorialist, ought to be placed to the credit of his bond, executed to the state by himself, together with Jeremiah Townley Chase and Henry Ridgely, securities, dated the thirty-first day of March, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, and referred to in the memorial, but they are also of opinion, that the said memorialist ought not to be allowed the deduction of twenty-one pounds sterling mentioned in the memorial.

The committee beg liberty to submit the following resolution for the consideration of the house.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to give a credit for the sum of ninety pounds one shilling and nine-pence sterling, as of the twenty-first day of October, seventeen hundred and ninety-six, upon a bond executed to the state of Maryland by Samuel Chase, together with Jeremiah Townley Chase and Henry Ridgely his securities, dated the thirty-first day of March, seventeen hundred and ninety-one, in the penalty of six hundred pounds sterling, with condition to account for three hundred pounds in the manner in the said condition expressed.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of Samuel Chase, Esquire, late agent for the recovery of stock in the bank of England claimed by this state, dated the first day of December, instant, claiming a commission on the cash received by, and the navy annuities transferred to, William Pinkney, Esquire, report, that they have examined, as far as their time would permit, the several resolutions and acts of assembly referred to by the memorialist in support of his claim, together with the account exhibited by him, and believe that the several facts stated in the said memorial are true.

The committee are of opinion, that the claim of the memorialist depends altogether upon the said resolutions and acts of assembly, and their true intent and construction by comparing the whole together, and that it will require considerable time to make the proper investigation and to form an accurate and correct opinion thereon.

The committee for this reason have concurred in opinion, that it would be proper to accede to the proposal of the memorialist to refer his memorial, and claim made therein, together with his account, to the decision of the chancellor of Maryland. The committee have thought proper to select the chancellor of Maryland in preference to any other of the referees proposed by the memorialist, because being resident at the seat of government he will have a more ready access to the several documents upon which the claim of the memorialist depends, and also because it has been more customary to refer claims against the state to the chancellor or the time being; the committee therefore beg liberty to submit for the consideration of the house the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That the memorial of Samuel Chase, Esquire, late agent for the recovery of stock in the bank of England claimed by this state, to this general assembly, dated the first day of December, eighteen hundred and six, and his claim made therein of commission on the cash received by, and the navy annuities transferred to, William Pinkney, Esquire, and on dividends, (if any,) received by this state on bank stock and on the navy annuities of seventeen hundred and ninety seven, which accrued after the month of April, eighteen hundred and four, together with the account, exhibited with the memorial, stating such claims, be and the same is hereby referred, with the consent of the memorialist, to the decision of the chancellor of this state, upon the several laws and resolutions on which his said claim of commissions is founded, and the true intent and meaning of the said laws and resolutions.