

Mr. Randall delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying that a commissioner may be appointed in the room of Thomas Talbot, to review and lay out a road from Benjamin Price's shop to Darby Ensor's mill race ; which was read and referred to Mr. Randall, Mr. M. Brown and Mr. Harryman.

On motion by Mr. Bowie, the following resolution was read :

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, in all cases of debts due to this state, where judgments have been obtained, and the defendants are subject to execution, upon application being made to them, and being fully satisfied that the said debt for which an indulgence is prayed, is well and sufficiently secured, and upon such applicant paying all the interest and costs due thereon, to stay any further proceedings against such debtor until the meeting of the next general assembly ; provided, that any judgment upon which proceedings may be stayed as aforesaid, shall continue and remain in full force, and execution may be issued thereon at any time after the expiration of such stay.

Mr. Dorsey delivers a petition from Alexander Dent, of Charles county, praying that he may be paid for a negro man who was pursued as a runaway and shot ; which was read and referred to Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Rogerson and Mr. M'Pherson.

Mr. Neale delivers a petition from William Hebb, of Saint-Mary's county, praying that a deed therein mentioned may be confirmed ; which was read and referred to Mr. Neale, Mr. Barber and Mr. Gardiner.

Mr. W. Williams delivers the following report :

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Carr, of Washington county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true ; they therefore submit the following resolution :

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed and empowered to pay to John Carr, or order, five years full pay of a lieutenant in the revolutionary war, without interest, as a commutation of half pay.

By order,

L. C. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Burgess delivers a petition from Solomon Sparks, and others, securities of James R. Pratt, late sheriff of Queen-Anne's county, praying a law may pass authorising Solomon Sparks to collect the fees due the late sheriff aforesaid ; which was read and referred to Mr. Burgess, Mr. Miers and Mr. Blake.

Mr. Dorsey delivers the following report :

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Mitchell, of Charles county, late a captain in the revolutionary war, report, that they have attentively considered the subject matter of the said petition, and when they reflect upon the services rendered by that valuable officer in his country's cause, as set forth in his petition, of which they have the utmost assurance, they feel a gratitude for him which they are thus bound to express ; and when they are also satisfied that he is now borne down by infirmities most probably consequent on the hardships of his military life ; that he was compelled to apply his patrimonial inheritance towards supporting himself as became the dignity and character of an American officer, when his country was unable to fulfil her engagements in rewarding her soldiery for their services ; and also that he was compelled to dispose of the certificates in which he was paid at the end of the war, at a price which gave them nothing more than a nominal value ; they are of opinion, that to grant him the relief to which they consider him most justly entitled, this legislature should place him on the half pay establishment, commencing on the first day of January 1784, to continue during his life, deducting therefrom ten years half pay, being equal to the five years full pay which he has heretofore received, as a commutation of half pay for life promised to the officers and soldiers who should continue to the end of the war by the congress of the United States, and therefore they recommend the following resolution :

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised and directed, to pay unto John Mitchell, of Charles county late a captain in the revolutionary war, or to his order, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a captain, as a further remuneration for those services rendered his country during the American war.

By order,

T. MURPHEY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Burgess delivers the following report :

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Robert Walters, of Queen-Anne's county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is just and reasonable and ought to be granted ; they therefore submit the following resolution :

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to receive from Robert Walters the sum of forty-three pounds ten shillings, being the valuation made under the direction of the executive, of the surplus land included in the said Walters's certificate of resurvey called " Bourbon," and that the said treasurer give the said Robert Walters a receipt for the same ; upon which it shall be lawful for the register of the land office for the western shore, and he is hereby directed, under the direction of the chancellor, to grant a patent to the said Robert Walters on the said certificate called " Bourbon," he paying the fees accruing thereon.

All which is submitted.

By order,

L. C. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.