

of Calvert county, for the year 1777, a balance appears to be due the state of £. 1,573 3 5¹/₂, and for the year 1778 a balance of £. 5,368 17 8¹/₂. That no returns appear for Charles county for the year 1777, and that from the returns of the commissioners of said county for the year 1778, there appears to be due the state the sum of £. 14,611 10 8. That from the returns of the commissioners of Somerset county, for the year 1777, a balance appears to be due the state of £. 5,357 9 9¹/₂, and for the year 1778 the sum of £. 15,012 1 9¹/₂. That from the papers returned from Baltimore county, it doth not appear that the proceedings of the commissioners, or any account or settlement with the collector, are returned. That from the papers returned by the commissioners of Cecil county, for the year 1778, there appears to be due the state the sum of £. 4,604 14 4, and for the year 1777 no return appears. That for Prince-George's county, for the year 1777, no return appears, and that from the papers returned by the commissioners of said county for the year 1778, there appears to be due the state the sum of £. 859 4 2¹/₂. That from the papers returned by the commissioners of Talbot county for the year 1777, there appears to be due to the state the sum of £. 423 4 1¹/₂, and for the year 1778 the sum of £. 6,337 2 11¹/₂. That from the papers returned by the commissioners of Queen-Anne's county for the year 1777, a balance appears to be due the state of £. 2,359 11 6¹/₂, and for the year 1778 the sum of £. 11,550 8 7. That from Worcester county no returns appear. That from the papers returned by the commissioners of Frederick county for the year 1777, there appears to be due the state the sum of £. 6,157 3 6¹/₂, and for the year 1778 the sum of £. 17,760 1 11¹/₂. That from the papers returned by the commissioners of Hartford county, no settlement appears to have been had with the collector. That no return from Caroline county appears for the year 1777, and that from the returns of the commissioners of said county for the year 1778, there appears to be due to the state the sum of £. 4,326 12 6¹/₂. That from the papers returned by the commissioners of Washington county for the year 1777, a balance appears to be due the state of £. 2,072 3 5, and that no return appears for the year 1778. That from Montgomery county no returns appear. That from Dorchester county, by the return of the commissioners for the year 1778, there appears to be due the state the sum of £. 8,692 12 11, and that there appears no return for the year 1777.

Your committee beg leave to observe, that from the loose and confused state of the papers; they apprehend many of them may have been lost, which renders it impossible for your committee to make an accurate return; therefore submit it to the consideration of the house, whether it will not be advisable to call on the commissioners of the tax for those counties where no returns appear, to make immediate returns thereof.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

Signed per order,

GEORGE RANKEN, cl. com.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The petition of Joseph Cowman, which was referred from last to this session, referred to the committee upon the nonjurors petitions.

Mr. Driver brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled; An act relating to the county courts of Caroline county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

F R I D A Y, November 26, 1779.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday, except Mr. J. Hall. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Eccleston brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

By the COMMITTEE of CLAIMS.

YOUR committee have examined the several accounts and proceedings of Thomas Harwood treasurer of the western shore, and find by a report made on the 29th of July last by the committee of claims, there was a balance of £. 350,653 2 1¹/₂ remaining in his hands.

That it appears to your committee, by the books and accounts of said treasurer, he hath received on loan, from the 27th of July last to the 11th of August inclusive, for which state certificates have been issued and examined by your committee, amounting to £. 2,933 2 6; from the sheriffs of the several counties for taxes, £37,511 19 11; for vessels sold, £. 16,318 8 5; and from the treasurer of the eastern shore the sum of £. 35,697 15 9; the sum of £. 105 hath been received for marriage licences; for militia fines the sum of £. 188 6 3; and for money returned from recruiting officers and sundry other persons the sum of £. 7,282 15 10.

Your committee find, that the said treasurer hath paid away for interest on state loan-office certificates £. 3,849 12 1; for interest on certificates issued agreeable to an act of assembly, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts, and for other purposes, the sum of £. 85 16; and to sundry claimants on the journal of accounts £. 18,119 15. That it also appears to your committee, by the books and accounts of said treasurer, he hath paid away, from