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A Petition from several of the Masters of this State stationed in the City of Annapolis setting forth, that they have truly and faithfully served the State agreeable to their Original Contract, and praying to be discharged, was read the first and second time and referred to the Governor and Council who are requested to take Order therein.

Mr. Lethbrun from the Committee appointed to take into Consideration the Memorial and Letter of the Chevalier D'Annouars, Consul of France, brings in & delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report

By the Committee appointed to take into Consideration the Memorial and Letter of the Chevalier D'Annouars, Consul of France to the General Assembly
Your Committee have had under Consideration the Memorial of the Chevalier D'Annouars, Consul of France, and also a Letter additional thereto, and beg leave to observe, that the subject matter of this same is of the utmost consequence to the commercial Interest and Prosperity of this State. As the Memorial and Letter involve several points truly interesting and important, your Committee from the nearly approaching Period of this Session, have not had Time thoroughly to investigate a System properly calculated to carry into Execution the Chevalier's Idea contained in his Memorial. It is with the deepest Regret that your Committee find themselves, for the above Reasons, under the Necessity of procrastinating this Business to a future Assembly, especially as it appears that the last sitting had determined to pay a proper Regard to the Chevalier's Application at their next Meeting. — Your Committee are of Opinion, that the Attention of the Legislature should be drawn to this very interesting Subject at as early a Period of the next Session as possible, when it may be discussed in a Manner suitable to its Dignity and Consequence, and that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of this House be requested to communicate by Letter to the Chevalier D'Annouars the Determination of this House on his Memorial & Letter aforesaid
All which is submitted to the Consideration of the Honourable House

Signed by Order Committee Wm. M. Shepley S. D.

Which was read a first and second time and concurred with

The Governor's Letter of the 19th of March, with General Smallwood's Letter of the 28th of February, were read a second time and referred to Committee N^o 2.

Mr. Hanlon from Committee N^o 2 brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report

By the Committee appointed to enquire into the facts set forth in the Memorial of Joseph Affinead, on Behalf of Robert Cummings, deceased, and report thereon

Your Committee beg leave to report to the Honble House, that from the Examination of the Accounts and other Papers laid before your Committee by the said Joseph Affinead, it appears that there is a Balance due from this State to the said Robert Cummings of £9399 & 15 ¹¹/₁₆ p. Currency; which is submitted to the Consideration of the Honourable House. Signed by Order Wm. M. Shepley S. D.

Which was read a first and second time and concurred with

Resolved unanimously, that his Excellency General Washington is hereby fully empowered and requested to settle the Rank of all Officers of the Maryland Forces in the Continental Service in such Manner as to him shall seem most proper, and consistent with Justice, both with respect to Rank & Grade. And that the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Delegates be desired immediately to communicate this Resolution to his Excellency General Washington by Express.

Sent to the Senate by Mr. Beale and Mr. Grosvenor