

That from the Return of the Commissioners of Somerset County, for the year 1777, a Balance appears to be due to the State of £5,357-9s^{6d} and for the year 1778 the sum of £15,012-4s^{7d}. That from the Papers returned from Baltimore County, it doth not appear that the Proceeding of the Commissioners, or any Account or Settlement with the Collector, are returned. That by the Papers returned by the Commissioners of Cecil County for the year 1778 there appears to be due the State the sum of £4,605-11s^{2d} 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 £16,857-1s^{11d}. 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 £6,233-4s^{13d} and for the year 1778 the sum of £6,337-2s^{11d}. 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 £2,359-11s^{6d} and for the year 1778 the sum of £11,550-0s^{0d}. 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 £4,157-3-6s^d, and for the year 1778 the sum of £4,400-1s^{11d}. That from the Papers returned by the Commissioners of Harford County no Settlement appears to have been made 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 £4,326-12-6s^d. That from the Papers returned by the Commissioners of Washington County for the year 1777 a Balance appears to be due the State of £2,072-3-8s^d and that no Return appears for the year 1778. That from Montgomery County no Return appears. That from Dorchester County, by the Return of the Commissioners for the year 1778 there appears to be due the State the sum of £8,692-12s^{4d} and that there appears no Return for the year 1777. Your Committee beg leave to observe, that from the loss and confusion 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 to the Consideration of the House whether it will not be adviseable to call on the Commissioners of the Taxes for those Counties where no Returns appear, to make immediate Returns thereof. At which is submitted to the honourable House signed J. Andrew Esq. Rankin Esq. ^{for him}

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 Numerous 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 adjourned to tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Wednesday November 26th 1779

The House met Present as on yesterday except Mr. Hale. 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 there was a Balance of £350,653-2-13s^d 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 received by your Committee, amounting to £2,933-2-6s^d, from the Sheriffs of the several Counties for Taxes £37,571-19-11, for

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