

tage to the eastern shore to give the petitioners the same exclusive right of running stages on that shore, which Gabriel Peterion Vanhorn enjoys on the western shore, and for the same time.

Your committee are farther of opinion, that it will be for the interest of the state to make the communication between the eastern shore and Baltimore as convenient as possible, and that this will be best effected by permitting the petitioners to run a stage from North Point to Baltimore-town, which will not interfere with the spirit of the privilege granted to Mr. Vanhorn.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. WINCHESTER, jun. clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

Mr. Tilghman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas James and John Rowles, of Kent county, administrators with the will annexed of Richard Frisby, deceased, report, that they have considered the subject of the petition, and find that John Page, Esquire, who was commissioner for raising supplies for the American army for Kent county, issued two certificates to Richard Frisby, deceased, bearing date 24th January, 1780, one, No. 108, for 80 bushels of wheat, at £. 22 10 0 per bushel, amounting to £. 1800 continental currency, the other, No. 109, for 100 bushels of wheat, at £. 22 10 0 per bushel, amounting to £. 2250 continental currency; that the said certificates, while they were the property and in the possession of the said Richard Frisby, were destroyed, as it is supposed, by rats or mice; that the said Frisby, intending to apply to the legislature for redress, did, about the year 1785, make oath before a justice of the peace for Kent county, to the truth of the above facts, and put his papers into the hands of a gentleman, who lost or mislaid them.

Your committee are of opinion, that under the circumstances, the treasurer should be authorized by a resolution to liquidate the said certificates, and issue a certificate to the petitioners for the amount, to bear interest from the 24th of January, 1780.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. WINCHESTER, jun. clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of commissioners of the Hanover market, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

Mr. M'Mechen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the securities of Thomas Williams, late collector of the tax in Prince-George's county, report, that they have examined into the subject thereof, and find, that at October session, 1780, an act passed to raise supplies for the year 1781, for which the said Thomas Williams bonded on the ninth of February, 1781, with John Smith Brookes and Thomas Harwood, the 3d, his securities. The committee further find, that by a supplement to the aforesaid act, passed at May session, 1781, an additional rate of fifteen shillings was imposed on every hundred pounds worth of property, and that the commissioners of the tax were empowered to continue the old or appoint a new collector to carry into execution the said law. The committee find that the commissioners of Prince-George's county returned to the treasury an account against the said Thomas Williams, charging him with the amount of the 15s tax, but omitted to take bond or security therefor, as of right they ought to have done. Your committee find, that in consequence of the commissioners certificate returned to the treasury, the treasurer charged the said Thomas Williams therewith, in the same manner as he had done under the act for raising the supplies for the year 1781, for which bond and security had been given.

Your committee beg leave to report, that it is plain and evident that the securities in the bond aforesaid were not responsible for the tax imposed subsequent to the execution of their bond, although carried to the account of the said Thomas Williams for the year 1781, as it does not appear that they gave any other bond than the one passed before the supplementary act took place, and consequently the said securities were erroneously supposed to be answerable for both.

Your committee further report, that under this mistaken idea, the securities paid to the treasury the whole amount of the said Thomas Williams's account, as stated on the treasury books, including the balance for which they were not liable as well as that for which they were.

Your committee are therefore of opinion, that the said securities are justly entitled to relief; and, as it appears to the committee that the petitioners have filed their bill in chancery for relief in the premises, that this state ought to abide the event of the suit, and suspend any process against them in the mean time, provided that no unnecessary delay shall take place.

Your committee further report, that they have taken into consideration the prayer and proposals made by the said securities, with respect to their being permitted to discharge such debt as by the decree of the chancellor they shall appear to be liable for, as securities aforesaid, in the deferred part of the debt funded by the United States, calculating interest at six per cent. per annum thereon, until the interest can be received of the United States by this state; and are of opinion that the same ought to be accepted, as the state ultimately cannot be a loser by such compromise, and as probably it is the only way that the state can secure the debt.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Ridgely, of William, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: