

RESOLVED, That the auditor-general, under the direction of the governor and council, be directed to audit, liquidate and settle, the account between Joshua Beall, of Prince-George's county, and this state; and in case the said governor and council and auditor should be of opinion that there is a balance due to the said Beall, after giving him credit on his bond for his claim against the state, or such part as may appear to them to be due, that the governor and council order the treasurer to issue to the said Beall a certificate for such balance or overplus, the bond of the said Beall be given up to him by the treasurer, the said Beall first paying the costs of suit.

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

THE committee to whom were referred the letter and papers from the governor and council respecting Benjamin Nicholson's application for his salary as judge of the court of admiralty, report, that they have taken the subject into consideration, and are of opinion, that as Mr. Nicholson's commission was during good behaviour, and as there may be cases in which the court of admiralty of this state would have jurisdiction, he is entitled to the salary annexed to his office by the act of 1785.

Your committee think themselves obliged to add, that the office is no longer of any importance to the state, and therefore submit the propriety of discontinuing the salary after the first day of January next.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. E. SEWELL, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Adam Hubley, junior, of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, having taken into consideration the said petition, are of opinion that the prayer of the petition should be granted, and beg leave to report the following resolution:

Whereas it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Adam Hubley, junior, that James Chalmers, late of Kent county, in the state of Maryland, was indebted, by bond and otherwise, to a certain Robert Field and Thomas Riche, which said bond was lost; that the auditor-general, on the first day of September, in the year 1787, passed the aforesaid claims against said Chalmers, amounting to £. 1213 19 11¹/₂, and directed the same to be paid, upon security being given that the original bond, lost as aforesaid, if found, should not be a charge against the said state; and it being represented to this general assembly, that Joseph Nicholson, junior, and William Smith, as agents of the executors of the aforesaid Robert Field and Thomas Riche, deceased, purchased lots No. 7 and 9 of the real estate of the aforesaid James Chalmers, and entered into bond for the payment of the purchase money to the state of Maryland; which said purchase was made by the said Joseph Nicholson, junior, and William Smith, as agents, and under the direction, of the executors of the aforesaid Field and Riche, to secure the claims aforesaid against the aforesaid James Chalmers: And whereas by the laws of this state no person is authorized to take a bond of indemnity, agreeably to the aforesaid direction of the auditor-general; therefore **RESOLVED**, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to credit the bond of Joseph Nicholson and William Smith the sum of £. 1213 19 11¹/₂, with interest from the 1st September, 1787, upon security being given, to be approved of by the said treasurer, that the original bond, if found, shall not be a charge against this state.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. E. SEWELL, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Rolph and Benjamin Hatcheson, securities of Thomas Boyer, late sheriff of Kent county, report, that they are of opinion the prayer of the said petition should be granted, because the petitioners stand in the same predicament as collectors of the public taxes, who have been relieved from interest by the legislature of this state. Your committee therefore recommend the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the attorney-general of this state be and he is hereby authorized and required to remit the interest taxed on the judgment recovered by this state against John Rolph and Benjamin Hatcheson, upon payment of the principal sum due from them, together with all costs of suit and charges of collection, on or before the second Tuesday of April next.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to issue a certificate to John O'Donnell for the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds current money.

RESOLVED, That the auditor-general, under the direction of the governor and council, be authorized to audit and settle the claim of Robert Peter against the estate of Adam Steuart, in the same manner, and on the same principles, as such claims have been heretofore adjusted and settled; and if it should appear to them, that there is any balance due to the said Robert Peter, and that there are not debts in the hands of citizens of this state due to the said Adam Steuart, sufficient to satisfy the said claim, that they give an order on the treasurer for a certificate for such balance, provided that the estate of the said Steuart is sufficient to pay the same, and provided also that other claims against the said Steuart be entitled to an equal proportion of the said estate, and that the said Peters account for the profits of the lands of the said Adam Steuart while in his hands, previous to the act of confiscation.