

ard's conduct, in stopping the 5000 dollars shipped by Mr. Dorsey on account of the state from the Havanna, was, in the opinion of your committee, an unwarrantable act.

Your committee are informed, that on the 30th January the governor and council informed Stephen Steward, by letter, that they had ordered the naval-officer not to clear any vessel in which he was concerned, until he delivered up the money he had seized; about the 6th of February Mr. Steward informed the governor and council, that he had ordered his son at Baltimore to deliver up the money to col. Smith, in consequence of which they directed col. Smith (provided he received the money) to deliver a letter to the naval-officer, countermanding their orders of the 30th of January; about this time Mr. Steward received an order from the governor and council for £. 600 specie, on a Mr. Keeports of Baltimore-town, to be raised by the sale of wheat; on the 13th of February Mr. Steward informed the governor and council, that his son had been able to pay col. Smith only 3000 dollars, and requested to be allowed three weeks to pay the balance, and that his vessel in the mean time might be cleared out, which was granted, upon his pledging his honour to be punctual in returning the money. But it appears that Mr. Steward yet retains 1875 dollars of the money imported from the Havanna, and it does not appear that he has received the £. 600 for the order on Mr. Keeports.

Your committee have not been able to see the accounts of Stephen Steward, and son, or Stephen Steward, and company, nor have they any information respecting those accounts, other than is stated in the intendant's letter of yesterday.

It does not appear to your committee, that the six hundred pounds drew the 23d of April last by Mr. Steward, was for the express purpose of carrying on the galley, but to replace so much expended by him.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. N. Worthington appeared in the house.

The bill respecting the discovery of and claims to confiscated British property, was read the second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Sprigg and Mr. Hanson.

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

THE committee appointed to inspect the books and accounts of the treasurer of the western shore, and all matters and things in the said office respecting the bills of credit emitted by the act, entitled, An act for the emission of bills of credit not exceeding £. 200,000, and of the bills of credit emitted by act of assembly in June 1780, beg leave to report, that they have examined the accounts of Thomas Harwood, Esq; treasurer of the western shore, and find, by an account settled by the committee of claims the 26th of November, 1781, there was a balance of £. 28 17 8 specie, £. 32,163 16 8 of the bills of credit emitted the 10th of May, 1781, and £. 20,481 16 6 in bills of credit emitted by act of congress 18th March, 1780, and acts of assembly of this state, remaining in the office.

That it appears to your committee, by the accounts of said treasurer, that he hath received since the 26th of November, 1781, the date of the last report, from the treasurer of the eastern shore the sum of £. 15,436 13 6 of the bills of credit emitted by act of assembly the 10th of May 1781, £. 7,127 1 11 in bills of credit emitted by act of congress 18th March 1780, and act of assembly of this state June 1780, and £. 1,753 13 9 in old continental and convention money; from sundry persons for their subscriptions £. 5,314 15 11 in bills of credit emitted 10th May 1781; from sundry persons on account £. 266 19 6, for confiscated British property £. 3,452 14 4; from the lieutenants of the several counties £. 713 0 5 in bills of credit emitted 10th May 1781, £. 621 5 10 in bills of credit emitted by congress March 1780, and act of assembly of this state June 1780, and the sum of £. 8 15 4 in specie; for fees in court of admiralty £. 49 11 0 in bills of credit emitted 10th May 1781; from the collectors of the tax for the several counties £. 44,862 11 2 in said bills, and the further sum of £. 13,323 5 6 in bills of credit emitted by act of congress 18th March 1780, on account of sinking fund; from the supervisors for emitting bills of credit, agreeable to an act of assembly passed May session 1781, the sum of £. 95,000. That it also appears to your committee, the said treasurer hath received from the naval-officers for duties and tonnage on vessels £. 1,203 0 4 in bills of credit emitted by congress 18th March 1780; for marriage licences £. 333 12 0; for ordinary licences £. 486 11 11; for commissions of letters of marque £. 140; from the commissioners appointed to preserve confiscated British property £. 280 1 3 of the bills of credit emitted by act of assembly June 1780, and £. 280 specie; from inspectors for duties on tobacco £. 4 5 3 in bills of credit emitted by congress March 1780; also the sum of £. 43 2 6, in lieu of £. 1,725 old continental money exchanged at forty for one; and that there has been received the sum of £. 303, being one tenth part of the bills of credit emitted by congress 18th March 1780, which became issuable, and retained for the use of this state; that there has been received from sundry persons the sum of £. 3,110 3 2 specie, and for escheats and caution paid on land the sum of £. 2,585 13 9 specie. That your committee find certificates agreeable to the act to adjust the debts due from this state