

authorized to grant to the said Lazarus Harman, in future, half of the monthly pay which he the said Harman received in the continental service, by orders drawn quarterly on the treasurer of the western shore for the same; and that it be charged to the United States.

Mr. Seney, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower the justices of Queen-Anne's county to levy a sum of money to complete the court-house and gaol at Centre-Ville, in said county; which was read the first and second time by special order and passed.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following report:

To the honourable the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL, Agent of the state for superintending the collection of all arrears of taxes due from the several collectors of the respective counties appointed since the first of January, 1783, as also all balances due for duties, fines, forfeitures, amerancements and licenses; from the sheriffs and clerks of the respective counties, begs leave to submit to your honours a statement of his proceedings in the execution of his duty, contained in the papers enclosed:

No. 1. States the several balances due on the 1st of December, 1790, for taxes on the western shore, and the interest he has required from the several collectors of the said shore, amounting in the whole to the sum of £. 23,483 9 8; it states also the payments that have been made thereon, amounting to the sum of £. 12,671 12 3.

No. 2. States the several balances due for taxes on the 1st of December, 1790, on the eastern shore, and the interest that has been required in like manner, amounting in the whole to the sum of £. 15,886 9 1; it states also the payments made thereon, amounting to £. 12,563 15 4; it appears, therefore, that the balances due, and interest required as above, on both shores, amount to the sum of £. 39,369 18 9, and the payments to the sum of £. 25,235 9 2.

He begs to observe, that the balance of £. 2,495 17 11, as stated in No. 1, against Nicholas Blacklock, was adjudged, by gentlemen eminent in the law, to be discharged by a purchase of property by the late agent, made on account of the state, and, as the attorney-general seemed rather to be of the same opinion, he thought it advisable to endeavour to effect a compromise; rather than to leave the public subject to such loss, by a resale of the property, as he conceived would thereby ensue, and therefore received payment from the said Blacklock upon the following terms, viz. a certificate from the commissioners of the tax for £. 27 19 7, over-charged in the settlement of his account, £. 416 5 0 sheriff's fees upon sales made by order of the late agent, which the attorney-general conceived the state answerable for; one bond with Leonard Townshend and Joshua Mudd securities, for £. 500 deferred stock; a judgment against Robert B. Tyler and John S. Brookes for 1,690 5 6, on interest from the 7th June, 1791; two bonds of £. 172 4 2 each, with Leonard Townshend and Joshua Mudd securities, payable at two annual payments; with interest from the 7th June, 1791; and £. 517 8 4 to be recovered from Fielder Bowie and John Brown, under the judgment obtained against them by the state as said Blacklock's securities. He has also sold the whole of the property of Charles Mankin and his securities, which was bought in for the state by the said agent, leaving a balance due the public to the amount of £. 570 0 0, for which there remained no security whatever; he has therefore received a bond from said Mankin, with sufficient securities, for the payment of an equal sum in deferred stock of the United States, which he conceived better for the public than to risk the loss of the whole balance. Having no other motive than public good to induce him to make the aforesaid compromises, and believing that the state will be considerably benefited thereby, he flatters himself that your honours will approve the same, and direct the treasurer to make his entries agreeably to the above report thereof.

He further observes, that under the powers authorizing him to compound with the securities of Thomas Boyer, of Kent county, he has secured, by a mortgage on the real estate of Joseph Rafan, the sum of £. 1100, payable at five annual payments, with interest from April, 1791, and a further sum of £. 200 from William Thomas, for which a judgment is to be given in the general court of the eastern shore at the next spring term, both of which sums are placed to the credit of the securities of the aforesaid Boyer. He has also, under similar powers, agreed with Isaac Redgrave for the settlement of his balance; upon making inquiry into the state of that debt, and finding that Redgrave had undertaken the collection, upon which the public claim arose, jointly with Benjamin Hatcher, who is his security in the bond to the state, and had a considerable part of the balances put into his hands, which he had not accounted for; he therefore thinking it reasonable that each should account for his proportion of the collection, issued a case against them both, and recommended a submission of the settlement of their accounts to the decision of two disinterested neighbours, and agreed to release either or both of them upon their giving bond, with approved securities, for the payment to the state of so much as he might appear to owe by the award of the said arbitrators; these terms were thought reasonable, and in all probability will be complied with. Redgrave was committed under the case ordered against him as above, and is now in gaol, which may, perhaps, retard the settlement; it is therefore submitted to the consideration of your honours, whether it might not be proper to release him from his confinement for a few weeks, that he may be better enabled to bring the matter to issue; the agent would have exercised this power could it have been done by him without releasing the debt.

No. 3. States the list of balances now due for taxes on the western and eastern shores, amounting

Western shore,

Eastern shore,

3,322 12 2