

No. 4. Contains a list of payments by the clerks and sheriffs of the respective counties of the western shore, amounting to £. 7,820 14 5.

No. 5. Contains the balances that seem to be due from the clerks and sheriffs on the western shore, with remarks thereon.

No. 6. Contains the payments made by the clerks and sheriffs of the respective counties of the eastern shore, amounting to £. 2,216 0 7.

No. 7. Contains the balances that seem to be due from the clerks and sheriffs of the eastern shore. It will therefore appear that your agent has collected from the sheriffs and clerks of the western and eastern shores, for fines, forfeitures, amerciaments and licences, the sum of £. 10,036 15 0.

He regrets exceedingly that it is not in his power to inform your honours, with accuracy, the sum that may be collected from the above balances stated to be now due; the business has been conducted with great impropriety heretofore, and therefore has not been so productive as it ought to have been, and may be hereafter, under proper regulations, which, he conceives, will be considered an object worth the utmost attention; at least £. 2,500, clear of those sums appropriated to the colleges, may be saved annually thereby to the state.

He was appointed by the governor and council to superintend the collection of all balances due on open account, and has collected to the amount of £. 5,561 12 5, as will appear by No. 8, still leaving large sums that appear to be due, many of which arise upon the sales of British property that has not been bonded for; in most of which cases the purchasers are unable to make payment, and the property is becoming daily of less value in consequence of the waste committed by indigent persons, who have, without authority, taken possession, and are not only working the land, but, in some cases, cutting down and selling the timber thereon. Should your honours think it advisable to appoint an agent, with discretionary powers to compound with the aforesaid purchasers, and dispose of the property for specie, on a short credit, with proper management much might be saved to the public, that will, under the present arrangement, be lost; many of the above description of debtors would give a reasonable advance to be released from their purchases, although they are unable to comply fully with contracts; should the state pursue legal remedies for recovery, all that could finally be obtained would be its own property, and that subject to large deductions for sheriff's fees and other expences.

He also has been honoured with an appointment by the governor and council to sell the Fort Frederick lands, and all confiscated British property remaining unsold, and, with the assistance of the attorney-general, to ascertain what property is subject to confiscation, and to proceed in the most expeditious manner to decide the rights of the state in such property.

No. 9. Contains the bond taken for 99½ acres of land at Fort Frederick, amounting to £. 375 10, and also an account of such as have been taken for the British property that has been sold, amounting to £. 3,709 7 5; in addition whereunto, two small lots on My Lady's Manor were sold and struck off to major Henry Gaither at £. 45, which remains unbonded for, he being absent on the Indian expedition, the whole amounting to £. 4,129 17 5.

The agent is sorry that there has been so little done under the last mentioned appointment; he considers the British property remaining unsold to be well worth attention, though, under the present regulations, he apprehends it will be a long time before it could be made productive; he will always be happy to communicate his ideas on this and every other subject that respects his agency, should a committee be appointed to take under consideration that business.

He takes the liberty to remark, that his powers cease at the end of the present session, at which time he wishes to decline the business, or sooner, if it may be convenient to make an appointment of a person to succeed him, and begs leave to conclude with grateful thanks for the honours conferred on, and the confidence that has been reposed in, him.

Which was read. ORDERED, That the same be referred to Mr. Craik, Mr. Duvall, Mr. Wright, Mr. Seney, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Pinkney and Mr. J. Worthington, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to prevent swine from going at large in the town of Bladensburgh, in Prince-George's county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 2, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, December 2, 1791: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

The resolution in favour of John Kline, and others, endorsed; "By the senate, November 24, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, December 2, 1791: Read the second time and dissented to.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

The resolution in favour of Ennalls Martin, endorsed; "By the senate, November 26, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, December 2, 1791: Read the second time and dissented to.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

The resolution in favour of George Kelly, endorsed; "By the senate, November 25, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

"By the senate, December 2, 1791: Read the second time and dissented to.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

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