

Whereas it appears to this general assembly, that Thomas Cockey Deye purchased of the commissioners under an act of April session, 1787, ch. 37, sundry tracts of land, which were sold to pay certain debts due from Archibald Buchanan to this state, for final settlement certificates, having interest due thereon from the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-five: And whereas the said Thomas Cockey Deye hath paid the whole of the purchase money due on said purchase in said certificates, many of which had interest due thereon prior to the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, whereby a considerable sum appears to have been paid over and above the amount of said lands so purchased by him, and it is just and reasonable that the surplus should be returned, **RESOLVED**, That the auditor-general be and he is hereby authorized and directed to liquidate the account of the said Thomas Cockey Deye, and ascertain the amount of interest due on certain final settlement certificates prior to the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, paid by him to trustees appointed to sell the land of Archibald Buchanan, and that the trustee of this state transfer to the said Thomas Cockey Deye, in three per cent. stock, the amount of the interest aforesaid so ascertained by the auditor-general.

**RESOLVED**, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Thomas C. Deye the amount of interest received by this state of the United States on account of surplus interest paid by him to certain trustees appointed to sell the lands of Archibald Buchanan, and by them paid into the treasury, the amount of said surplus interest to be ascertained by the auditor-general, under the preceding resolution.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Addison, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the justices of the levy court of Prince-George's county report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that a law ought to pass, authorizing the said justices to pull down the repository in Marlborough, sell the materials of the same, and apply the money towards the erecting of a gaol. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Carroll, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Vincent, of Baltimore county, clerk to the commissioners of the tax for said county, praying that he might be authorized to charge and receive from persons making application for searches and extracts from his office a moderate compensation for the service, are of opinion that the prayer is just, and that it would be proper to pass a supplement to the act of assembly for regulating officers fees, empowering the several clerks of the commissioners of the tax throughout this state to receive the same fees which are allowed to the clerks of the county courts for searches and extracts from their office.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Turner, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Ray, late sheriff and collector of Montgomery-county, and his securities, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and from the information they have received, believe the facts therein stated to be true, and in their opinion the peculiar circumstances will justify the legislature in passing a law authorizing the collection of the balances due the said Ray, as sheriff and collector as aforesaid, in a more summary way than the ordinary course of law.

By order,

J. S. BETTON, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. **ORDERED**, That the committee appointed on the said petition prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Anne Miller, of Caroline county, praying a divorce, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Mason, Mr. Potter and Mr. Parnham, to consider and report thereon. Mr. Hyland, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to prevent the mischiefs arising from the multiplicity of useless dogs in this state; which was read and referred to the next session of assembly.

Mr. Thompson, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act relating to the public roads in Queen-Anne's county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. The report on the memorial of the trustees of Talbot county school was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. **ORDERED**, That the committee appointed on the said petition prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Key, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of James Steele, and others, of Cecil county, report, that they have taken the same into their consideration, and believe the facts stated to be true, and in their judgment the case of the petitioners is very peculiar and hard on them, and appears to merit relief; but as the state is much interested, and the facts touching the subject are complicated and intricate, and ought to be minutely examined into and well digested they submit to the house the propriety of the following resolutions:

**RESOLVED**, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to take the petition of James Steele, and others, of Cecil county, into their consideration, and after examining the testimony and facts relating to the same, to make report thereof to the next session of assembly, with such relief, if any, as their case merits.

**RESOLVED**