

to elect the commissioners thereof; which were severally read.

Mr. Parnham delivers the following report :

THE Committee to whom was referred the petition of Robert Couden Stone, for himself and in behalf of the representatives of General John Hoskins Stone, deceased, have taken the same into their most serious consideration, and beg leave to report,

That the father of the petitioner, General John Hoskins Stone, deceased, had paid during the treasury of the Western Shore, at several periods of time, a sum of money amounting to thirteen hundred and sixty pounds and two pence half-penny, for proclamation land-warrants, obtained under an act of assembly passed at November session seventeen hundred and ninety five, chapter eighty-eight, as appears by a statement signed by the treasurer of the Western Shore, in the possession of the committee. In consequence of the subsequent failure of the father of the petitioners to complete the payment of the composition-money necessary to secure his title to the said lands, by the provisions of an act of assembly passed at November session eighteen hundred and four, they reverted to the state. It appears to the committee that the father of the petitioners for many years before his death was rendered incapable of any attention to business by his infirmities, which were properly ascribable to a wound he received during the revolutionary war, in defence of the liberties of his country; and which, undoubtedly prevented his securing to his children the lands in question. Taking into consideration the distinguished services of this most esteemed and valuable officer, both in a military and civil capacity, and the unhappy causes which have rendered necessary the present application of the petitioners, your committee feel themselves justified in submitting to the consideration of the house the following resolution :

*Resolved,* That the Treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to Robert Couden Stone, the sum of three hundred and forty pounds, current money; to Nathaniel P. Causin, in right of his wife Eliza Causin, the sum of three hundred and forty pounds, current money; to John B. Turner, in right of his wife Anne Turner, the sum of three hundred and forty pounds, current money; and to the legally appointed guardian of Thomas Stone, a minor, the sum of three hundred and forty pounds, current money.

By order,

LOUIS GASSAWAY, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Donaldson delivers a petition from Dominick Galt and John Thomas, of the city of Baltimore, praying a special act of insolvency; which was read and referred to Messrs. Donaldson, T. B. Hall and Pechin.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.