

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to punish persons contriving the escapes of prisoners of war, with the following message:

By THE SENATE, MAY 27, 1782.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have agreed to recede from the amendment mentioned in your message by Messieurs Stone and Jenifer, that of substituting imprisonment instead of corporal punishment.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

Which was read, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

A petition from the Patuxent associators, and others, was preferred and read.

Several petitions from sundry justices, electors and inhabitants of Cæcil county, praying a repeal of the law which passed last session, authorizing the holding of special elections to ascertain the place where the courts and elections should be held in said county, were preferred and read.

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

T U E S D A Y, May 28, 1782.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Handy. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Shriver has leave of absence.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from Le Chevalier de la Villebrun, to their honours the council of the state of Maryland, dated May 24, 1782: which was read.

According to order, the house took into consideration the order of the day, and having spent some time in debate thereon, adjourned till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met, and resumed the debate. The question was put, That the house concur therewith? Carried in the negative.

An application from the commissioners for confiscated estates, requesting an examination into their conduct, was read, and thereupon ORDERED, That the above request be taken into consideration on Thursday next, and that the commissioners be requested to attend at the bar of this house.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill allowing a longer time to compound on old certificates, and making further regulations respecting the sale of vacant lands. ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. Hall, Mr. B. Worthington, and Mr. Joseph Dashiell, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

Whereas George Farrington, with John Mitchell and Robert Mitchell, formerly of Worcester county, now of the state of Delaware, passed their bond to this state, on the 10th of April, 1770, for £. 225 sterling: And whereas the said George Farrington, and also Robert Mitchell, one of the securities, are since dead, and the said Farrington's estate now lies in the Delaware state:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be directed to give the said John Mitchell up the bond aforesaid, with a receipt thereon, upon his giving bond, with good security, to this state, for the balance due on the terms of the former bond.

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

THE committee appointed to enquire what laws have or will expire this session, beg leave to report, that the following laws will expire at the close thereof: A Supplement to the act for the regulation of the staple of tobacco, passed October session, 1780. An additional Supplement to the act for the regulation of the staple of tobacco, passed May session, 1781. An act relating to forfeited recognizances, judgments in treason, and fines imposed by militia courts-martial, passed November session, 1781. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Jenifer brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Charles Blair and Lilly his wife, lately called Lilly Hamilton; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Wiccomico manor, was read the second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Joseph Dashiell, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Waggaman, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

The report on the petition of George Gray, was read the second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

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

W E D N E S.