

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a memorial from Richard B. Lloyd, Esq; setting forth, that the welfare and happiness of his family oblige him to leave this country and settle in England, and praying that a time may be allowed him for settling his property and collecting his debts in this state, and also praying to be discharged from the obligation and duties of a citizen, and to have full liberty to become a subject of any kingdom or state, without any loss of property; a petition from Henry Watts, of Baltimore county, setting forth, that he was wounded in 1755, in a battle with the Indians, and praying that he may receive the benefit of the laws of the province, granting half pay for life to those who were wounded in the service; and a petition from William Vanderford, of Queen-Anne's county, praying an act to pass, securing to him all the estate of John Chaires in a tract of land called Chaires Regulation, which by contract the said John Chaires was to have conveyed to the petitioner; severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 12, 1785: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which were read.

The petition of John Page, of Kent county, was referred to Mr. Lethbrury, Mr. Waggonman, and Mr. Steret, to consider and report thereon.

The petition of sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, and counter petition thereto, were read and referred to Mr. Adams, Mr. Gale, and Mr. M'Mechen, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to confirm the title of a lot of ground in Baltimore-town in Baltimore county, to James M'Fadon in fee, for the benefit of the heirs of John M'Fadon, deceased, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. M'Mechen.

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

THE committee, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Oneale, beg leave to report, That they have inquired into the facts stated in said petition, and are of opinion, that the property mentioned therein was sold agreeable to the consolidating bill, and for more than the real value, and that the prayer of the said petition ought to be rejected. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Waggonman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for altering the time of holding the courts in the counties therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. R. Bowie, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to appoint an intendant of the revenue; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That the said bill have a second reading on Friday the 23^d instant.

A petition from Nathaniel Smith, an officer in the Maryland artillery, was preferred and read, and referred to the committee of grievances.

Mr. Key and Mr. Hall appeared in the house.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Key, Mr. Steret, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Bracco, Mr. Turner, Mr. Gale, and Mr. De Butts, be a committee to inspect into the books, papers, and accounts, of the intendant, and report thereon.

The bill for the relief of Charles Henry Wharton and Henry Pile, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative. Sent to the senate by Mr. De Butts.

Mr. M'Mechen brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower James M'Fadon, surviving executor of John M'Fadon, deceased, to sell the real estate therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Stone, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable tobacco; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That the said bill have a second reading on Monday the 19th instant.

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

THE committee, to whom was referred the memorial of William Shircliff, beg leave to report, That, by a resolve of congress it appears, that no officer or soldier should be entitled to depreciation on pay, who was not in actual service the 10th of April 1780. This state, by an act of assembly, took upon itself to grant depreciation to officers and soldiers who had served three years, and were out of service before the said 10th day of April 1780, which was further extended, by a subsequent act, to those who had served two full years in the continental army; since which there has been no further extension on that subject. That the memorialist was appointed a lieutenant on the 10th day of December 1776, and was mustered, resigned the last of February 1778. Your committee beg leave to suggest the propriety of suspending the decision on the prayer of the memorialist, until a general relief may be found expedient to all officers and soldiers (who were regularly and honourably dismissed the service) of the Maryland line, under such peculiar circumstances. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

R. B. LATIMER, clk.

Which was read.

The bill to empower Samuel Trehern and others, or any three of them, to sell and dispose of part of the real estate of John Long, deceased, of Somerset county, for the payment of his debts, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Adams.

Mr.