

Margaretta, to be just, and are of opinion, that all vessels owned by citizens of this state, previous to an act of the general assembly, November session 1784, entitled, An act to impose duties on certain enumerated articles imported into and exported out of this state, and on all other goods, wares, and merchandize, imported into this state, should be entitled to all and singular the advantages and privileges, as vessels actually and bona fide built within, and owned by, citizens of this state, and that a law ought to pass for that purpose. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Contee, beg leave to report, That the petitioner obtained a deed of bargain and sale for the lands mentioned therein, legally acknowledged on the sixth of June 1775, but not received to be recorded within the time limited by law. That Erasmus Gill resides in a distant part of the commonwealth of Virginia, and that the petitioner has since sold the said lands to David Crauturd, of Prince-George's county, and cannot convey the same, unless an act is passed to give him a legal title thereto, as was intended by the deed aforesaid. All which facts appearing true, your committee are of opinion, a law ought to pass, empowering Thomas Contee to have the said deed recorded within a limited time, and thereby make valid the same. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

Mr. Bracco, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report on the petitions of sundry inhabitants of Caroline county; which was read.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. John Dashiell, Mr. Gale, and Mr. Wootton, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

F R I D A Y, December 16, 1785.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Stevenson appeared in the house.

On the second reading the report on the petitions of sundry inhabitants of Caroline county, the question was put, That the house concur with the first clause in the said report? Resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said report, the question was put, That the second part of the said report be committed for amendment? Resolved in the affirmative.

John Smith, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from Alexander Lawton Smith, lieutenant-colonel in the regiment extraordinary raised by this state, praying commutation in lieu of half pay, endorsed; "By the senate, December 16, 1785: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was read, and referred to Mr. Lethbury, Mr. Ramsey, and Mr. Taney, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Ridgely has leave of absence.

A petition from James Wilson, of Prince-George's county, praying an act may pass, to remedy a defect in a lease from Josias Shaw; was preferred and read.

Mr. Dent brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to make valid a deed of bargain and sale, executed by Erasmus Gill to Thomas Contee, of Prince-George's county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Michael Daugherty, of Washington county, Pennsylvania, praying the auditor-general may be directed to grant him a certificate for the depreciation of his pay as lieutenant in the Maryland line; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Lethbury, Mr. Ramsey, and Mr. Taney, to consider and report thereon.

The amendments to the bill to extend the time limited for bringing in and settling claims against this state, &c. were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the relief of Charles Henry Wharton and Henry Pile; 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; severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 13, 1785: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 16, 1785. Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

The bill for the relief of sundry persons, securities of Thomas Boyer, late sheriff and collector of Kent county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 14, 1785: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

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