

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

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which were ordered to be engrossed.

And a petition from Joseph Dowton, of the city of Annapolis, setting forth, that he has a large quantity of goods in Dorchester county, which he paid the duties on agreeably to law, and which the commissioners of the tax of the said county think are liable to assessment, and subject to execution for the same, and praying the commissioners of the tax may be directed and instructed, that the said goods are not subject to assessment, 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.

Daniel Carroll, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to grant to Gabriel Peterson Vanhorn an exclusive right to keep stage carriages, &c. endorsed; "By the senate, December 15, 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 by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

The petition of sundry inhabitants of Harford county, was referred to Mr. Steret, Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Wootton, Mr. De Butts, and Mr. Faw, to consider and report thereon.

The petition of Joseph Dowson, was referred to the committee of supplies.

Mr. Steret has leave of absence until Wednesday next.

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

## S A T U R D A Y, December 17, 1785.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Steret and Mr. Beall. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. James Bond and Mr. Edmondson appeared in the house.

A petition from Abraham Britten, of Baltimore county, setting forth, that he purchased certain confiscated property, which, upon an accurate survey since made, appears not to contain near the number of acres for which he bonded, and that part of the said property has been ever since claimed and held by a certain James Harryman, and praying that he may be released from his said purchase, upon his making a reasonable compensation to the state for the use of the part he has occupied; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Ridgely, and Mr. Oneale, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee, to whom the petition of John Rowland and Jacob Rowland, of Washington county, was referred, beg leave to report, That they have taken the same into consideration, and after examining the several vouchers, find the facts are truly stated, and are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable, and ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

R. B. LATIMER, clk."

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

Mr. Downes, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Caroline county, respecting their court-house; which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Downes, Mr. Bracco, and Mr. Joseph Dashiell, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act ascertaining the mode of granting titles to the purchasers of certain confiscated property. ORDERED, That Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Norris, and Mr. Dent, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Ramsey, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the said bill; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee, to whom was referred the petition of Abraham Britten, of Baltimore county, beg leave to report, That they have considered the same, and are of opinion the prayer of the petitioner should be granted, and submit to the house the propriety of passing a resolve, releasing the said Britten from his purchase, on his paying a reasonable sum of money for the time he has had that part of the land in possession to which the state has a right. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk."

Which was read.

The petition of James Brice, was referred to Mr. Carroll, Mr. B. Worthington, and Mr. John Seney, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to empower Joseph Baxter, Charles Ghequiere and Harriet his wife, and Charlotte Haley, to make over and convey part of two tracts of land, called St. Andrew's Cross and the Fork, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Miller.

Mr. Gale,