

# 18 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1786.

hundred and fifty pounds at March court, 1788, exclusive of the commission of four per cent. to the collector.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

The bill to empower the justices of Charles county to levy on the inhabitants of said county a sum of money for the relief of Francis Speake, was read the second time and passed.

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

That the committee to whom the petition of sundry the inhabitants of Frederick-town, praying a road may be opened from the west end of South-street to intersect the Conococheague road, was referred, beg leave to report, that the facts set forth in the said petition are true, and that your committee are of opinion the prayer of the said petitioners ought to be granted, on the proprietors of the land through which the road is to lead being paid any damages that may be sustained thereby. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

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

## T U E S D A Y, December 5, 1786.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. N. Worthington, Mr. B. Worthington and Mr. W. Bowie, appeared in the house. Mr. Cockey has leave of absence till Monday next.

A petition from Thomas Beatty, collector of Frederick county for the year 1786, and praying a further time to complete his collection, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from George Divelbess, of Frederick county, setting forth, that he had a warrant of resurvey on three original tracts of land, which said resurvey was executed, and reduced the whole into one entire tract, with two pieces of vacancy, on which were improvements, for which he paid into the public treasury the sum of £. 175, since which it has been discovered by the surveyor of the county, on surveying an elder tract, that the vacancy and improvements which he paid for, are included in said elder tract, and praying a resolve may pass, directing the treasurer to repay him the sum aforesaid, or grant him a warrant for land to the value thereof; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Mantz, Mr. Dent and Mr. Faw, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Thomas Beatty, of Frederick county, setting forth, that under the late proprietary government, he paid for and procured warrants for vacant land, which were never executed; that by an act passed in 1781, warrants thus circumstanced might be renewed, if exhibited within six months, and executed within twelve months thereafter; that he had said warrants renewed, but only in part executed; and praying an act may pass, directing the issuing of new warrants in lieu of his warrants before mentioned, and permitting them to be received as composition on certificates; was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on George Divelbess's petition, to consider and report thereon.

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

By the COMMITTEE appointed to examine into and report on the petition of Thomas Miles, of Baltimore county.

YOUR committee beg leave to report, that a certain Abraham Britten, of Baltimore county, in the month of February, 1782, purchased of the commissioners of confiscated British property, part of a tract of land called Darnall's Camp, lying in Baltimore county, and distinguished on the plot by which the same was sold by No. 2, and was certified to contain two hundred and seventy acres of land; that the said lot of ground, by an accurate survey since made by the surveyor of Baltimore county, contains only one hundred and ninety-two acres and a quarter, and that on the part so lost, the improvements are erected, and the same is the most valuable part of the said land.

Your committee further report, that the said Thomas Miles became security for the said Abraham Britten to the state of Maryland, and execution for the nonpayment of the interest hath issued against him.

Your committee further report, that the said Abraham Britten preferred a petition to the general assembly at their last annual meeting, to be released from the said bond; that a committee was appointed to report on the said petition, who on examination of the facts set forth in the said petition, were of opinion, that the said Britten should be relieved from the said bond given to the said state; which report of the said committee was concurred with, and leave given to bring in a resolution for the purpose; that a resolution pursuant to the said leave was brought in, which had but a first reading.

Your committee beg leave further to report, that the said Abraham Britten hath departed from the state of Maryland, and the state and other persons claiming the said property now occupy and possess the same.

Your committee also report, that Gabriel Duvall and Clement Hollyday, Esquires, by their certificate, bearing date on the second day of December, 1785, were of opinion, and so reported to the honourable the intendant, that the said Britten should be released from the said purchase, upon making