

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from the governor of the 7th instant, with sundry enclosures, respecting the loan made by this state with Nicholas and Jacob Vanstaphorst, of Amsterdams, merchants, endorsed; "By the senate, December 8, 1786: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

Which were read and referred to Mr. Paca, Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Forrest, Mr. Joshua Seney and Mr. Stewart, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Pattison, Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Paca, Mr. Dent and Mr. Forrest, be a committee to take into consideration the requisition of congress relative to the raising a troop of horse, and to report their opinion thereon.

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

S A T U R D A Y, December 9, 1786.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. N. Worthington. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

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

THE committee, to whom was referred the petitions of Steret Gray, George Divenney and William Steele, beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the various office papers and vouchers relative to George Divenney's petition, and are of opinion, that he ought to have credit for eighty-five dollars on his bond given the late intendant, he having purchased the quantity of eighty-five acres of land from the proprietor of Pennsylvania. Your committee also report, that upon considering the several vouchers relative to the prayer of William Steele, they are of opinion, that Joseph Gilpin, who took up William Steele's bond, did, through mistake, pay the treasurer for one hundred and seventy acres of land more than was contained in William Steele's certificate, and that the said treasurer should be directed to repay William Steele the value of the above one hundred and seventy acres of land, in the same manner and kind as paid by the said Joseph Gilpin, the said William Steele having satisfied the late intendant, that his right to the same, under a Pennsylvania right, was sufficient and valid, and according to the agreement between the late proprietors of Pennsylvania and Maryland. Also your committee further report, that for want of information and vouchers they have not been able to take into consideration the petition of Steret Gray. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

A letter from the commissioners of the tax of Cæcil county of the 2d instant, relative to persons employed at the canal on the Susquehanna, who refuse to pay any tax, was laid before the house, read, and referred to Mr. Wallace, Mr. Oneale, Mr. Joshua Seney, Mr. Bravard and Mr. M'Mechen, to consider and report thereon.

The memorial of John and Jonas Clapham, was referred to Mr. Joshua Seney, Mr. De Butts, Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Paca and Mr. Stewart, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Arthur Harris, of Calvert county, setting forth, that during the late war he was taken prisoner by the British, and from the hardships he suffered during his confinement he is now deprived of his eye-sight, and praying relief; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Forrest, Mr. Grahame, Mr. R. Bond and Mr. Gantt, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. M'Mechen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petitions of James Steward, Andrew Hook, Roger Horace Pratt, Elkin Solomon and Abraham Enfor, languishing prisoners in Baltimore county gaol, beg leave to report, that they have examined the allegations therein contained, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, upon condition that they honestly and truly, without fraud or deception, deliver up all their property for the benefit of their creditors on the usual terms. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, December 11, 1786.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. N. Worthington and Mr. B. Worthington appeared in the house.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Selby, of Worcester county, beg leave to report, that they have considered the subject matter of the said petition, and are of opinion, that it ought not to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the letter from the commissioners of the tax in Cæcil county, respecting the labourers and others employed at the Susquehanna canal, who in opposition to the legislative authority have evaded taxation, under pretence that they are not residents, and yet claim a right of voting at elections, beg leave to report, that having considered the same, are of opinion,