

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Stephen N. Chefwell, beg leave to report, that they have examined the allegations therein contained, and find them true, but are of opinion the prayer of the said petitioner cannot be granted, unless an act pass to return caution and composition money to all persons in similar circumstances. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of John Selby, was read the second time and concurred with.

Mr. Joihua Seney has leave of absence.

On the second reading the report on the petition of Job Garretson, RESOLVED, That the contract with the said Job Garretson be void, and that his bond be delivered up to him.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, December 18, 1786.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Norris, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Purnell, Mr. De Butts, Mr. R. Bowie, Mr. W. Bowie, Mr. Gantt, Mr. Harwood, Mr. Dent and Mr. J. Bond. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

On the second reading the account of captain John Hamilton, RESOLVED, That the auditor-general be authorized and empowered to pass the account of captain John Hamilton, late agent for the Maryland line, for the sum of thirteen pounds ten shillings current money, and charge the same to the United States, agreeably to the resolve of congress of the 27th of May, 1785; and that the governor and council be authorized and empowered to draw an order on the western shore treasurer for the amount.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Nicholls.

Mr. Jackson and Mr. Cromwell have leave of absence.

Mr. John Roberts, a delegate returned for Talbot county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took his seat in the house.

A petition from Elizabeth Veazy, was preferred and read.

Mr. M'Mechen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors confined in Baltimore county gaol; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A remonstrance from Benjamin Purnell, late a collector, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. P. Mitchell, Mr. Henry and Mr. M'Pherson, to consider and report thereon.

A remonstrance from William Matthews, of Baltimore-town, counter to the petition of John Rawlings, of Cecil county, was preferred and read.

A memorial from John M'Clure, setting forth, that he purchased from the commissioners of confiscated property a lot of land, which, on an accurate survey thereof, did not contain above half the number of acres for which it was sold; that it lies foul of elder surveys; that he hath paid the full consideration, and received a deed for the same; and praying the purchase money paid for said lot may be returned to him; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Paca, Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Turner, Mr. Oneale and Mr. Gale, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. John Seney, Mr. Wright, Mr. Cockey and Mr. Abell, appeared in the house.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to extend the time for bringing in and settling claims against this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Matthews, Mr. Paca and Mr. Wright, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Lambert Cadwalader and Philemon Dickinson, executors of the testament and last will of John Cadwalader, praying an act may pass to enable them to set off against the estate of said deceased the amount of their reasonable expenditures, which they have incurred, or may incur, in completing buildings begun in the life-time of said deceased; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Wright, Mr. Shaw and Mr. Paca, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Simon Nicholls, late collector of Montgomery county, setting forth, that by an act passed in 1780, the collectors of the taxes were directed to receive from the inhabitants of this state wheat, &c. in discharge of their assessments; that upon a settlement with the millers, several persons appeared to be indebted the quantity of 301½ bushels, which he stands charged with; that he has the bond of one of the persons, and the proven accounts of the others, which he apprehends will enable the public to collect the full value of the wheat from them; and praying the treasurer may be directed to give him credit for the said wheat; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Burges, Mr. Wright and Mr. Stewart, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Paca, Mr. Wright, Mr. Chase and Mr. Faw, be a committee to consider and report on the petitions from the inhabitants of Somerset county.

The resolution in favour of Job Garretson, was sent to the senate by Mr. Fitzhugh.

A petition from Otho Holland Williams, praying a law may pass to establish a town by the name of Williams's Port, contiguous to the mouth of Conococheague creek, on Patowmack river, in Washington county; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Chase, Mr. Oneale and Mr. T. Johnson, to consider and report thereon.

Daniel Carroll, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to vest in Isaac Spencer, of Kent county, and Benjamin Roberts, of Queen-Anne's county, an estate in certain lands therein mentioned, as tenants in common in fee-simple, &c. endorsed; "By the senate, December 8, 1786: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.