

" By the senate, December 18, 1786 : Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

And a petition from Henry Addison, praying a restitution of that part of his confiscated property which remains unsold, endorsed ; " By the senate, December 18, 1786 : Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which were read, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to revive the proceedings of the orphans court, of Calvert county. ORDERED, That Mr. Fitzhugh, Mr. M'Mechen and Mr. Wright, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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 Sarah Buchanan, the widow, and Alexander Cowan and John Taylor, the securities, of Archibald Buchanan, deceased, are of opinion, that an instant sale of the lands of the said Archibald Buchanan will very probably injure the interest of the securities and the state, and that the debt due to the public from the estate of the said Archibald Buchanan is so connected with the public funds, and other debts due to the state, that now interfering so far as to direct a sale on credit, or for particular species of money or certificates, may eventually cause much embarrassment ; and therefore your committee are of opinion, that a resolution ought to pass to stop further proceedings for a sale, until the first day of April next, and that in the mean time the possession be delivered to, and kept by, the said widow and securities, or such person as they shall appoint to preserve the said property from waste. And your committee are of opinion, that when the sale shall take place, it ought to be under such direction, that the right of dower of the said widow be sold at the same time, and the commissions on the sales be secured to the widow. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

Richard Ridgely, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolution in favour of captain John Hamilton, endorsed ; " By the senate, December 18, 1786 : Read and assented to.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

The report on the petition of Arthur Harris was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith ? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale, appeared as follow :

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messrs.	Abell,	Grahame,	Polk,	Steele,	Quynn,	Loockerman,
	Hopewell,	Stone,	Shaw,	R. Bond,	Paca,	Walker,
	Perkins,	Stevens,	Hooper,	Matthews,	Mantz,	Hollingsworth,
	J. Johnson,	Gale,	Pattison,	Digges,	Love,	Holmes. 26.
	Fitzhugh,	Stewart,				

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs.	Wright,	Cockey,	Bravard,	J. Mitchell,	Hardcastle,	Oneale,
	N. Worthington,	Roberts,	John Seney,	Faw,	Funk,	Nicholls. 17.
	Owings,	Sherwood,	P. Mitchell,	Wheeler,	Burgefs,	

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Stone, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Fitzhugh and Mr. Paca, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Simon Nicholls, late sheriff and collector of the public tax for Montgomery county, beg leave to report, that they have taken under their consideration the facts stated in said petition, and find them true, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

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

YOUR committee, to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of this state, respecting the public roads, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into serious consideration, and find that the public roads leading to the principal sea-port towns are in a ruinous situation, and at many seasons of the year impassable for waggons and other carriages ; that the trade and commerce of this state will be greatly injured, and in all probability be diverted to Pennsylvania and Virginia, unless the legislature take immediate and effectual steps to remove the grievance so justly complained of, and which materially affects the landed interest and revenues of this state ; your committee therefore recommend, that a law should pass with effectual provisions to open the following roads :

1. From Baltimore-town to Frederick-town.
2. From Baltimore-town to Reisters-town, from thence towards Hanover to the Pennsylvania line.
3. From Reisters-town to Winchester, thence to Tawney-town.
4. From Baltimore-town to the Pennsylvania line, towards York-town, in a straight direction, beginning from James Gittings's road and running through Hooper's and Towson's-town.
5. From Frederick-town to Hagar's-town.

6. From