

tions issued for the state against the real property of the said Buchanan, shall be, and are hereby suspended until the end of this present session of the general assembly.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, December 20, 1786.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Hooper has leave of absence.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Carmichael and Train Ackworth, of Somerset county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Henry.

Mr. Grahame, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of lieutenant Arthur Harris, late of the continental army; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The resolution in favour of Simon Nicholls, was sent to the senate by Mr. Burges.

Mr. Pattison, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor in the counties of Dorchester and Somerset; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the relief of debtors. ORDERED, That Mr. Paca, Mr. Chafe, Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Wright and Mr. M'Mechen, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill respecting insolvent debtors. ORDERED, That Mr. Paca, Mr. Chafe, Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Wright, Mr. M'Mechen and Mr. Stewart, 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 petition of William M'Laughlin, collector of Baltimore county, beg leave to report, that they have examined the allegations therein contained, and find them true; that from the great scarcity of cash, he could not make the said collections agreeably to law.

Your committee are of opinion, that the said William M'Laughlin merits the clemency of the legislature, and ought to have some further time to complete the said collection.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Patrick Bennett, late quarter-master, beg leave to report, that they have examined the allegations and vouchers therein contained, and are of opinion that they are true, and that he has conducted himself as a good and valuable officer in that department, and that there appears due to him a considerable sum of money for the depreciation of his pay; that there is no resolve of congress which allows depreciation of his pay to officers in that department, and if this state pays him the same, it cannot be charged to the United States. Your committee are of opinion, that justice requires that this gentleman ought to be paid, but that the same should be a continental expence. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

The house appointed Mr. Thomas Purdy and Mr. Thomas D. Merrick committee clerks. ORDERED, That they be qualified.

The resolution in favour of Sarah Buchanan, was sent to the senate by Mr. M'Mechen.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Robert Lemmon, of Baltimore county, beg leave to report, that two machines of curious workmanship have been submitted to their examination by the said Lemmon, one for carding, and the other for spinning, wool and cotton, both of which have the approbation of your committee. Your committee are under the impression, that machines of this kind will greatly promote the manufactures, and consequently the prosperity of this country, and that it is the duty of every legislature to afford all possible encouragement to inventive genius. They are therefore of opinion, that the said Robert Lemmon ought to have the sole and exclusive right of making and vending the said machines, provided he is the original inventor thereof. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Margaret Hudson, of Baltimore county, setting forth, that her late husband, Jonathan Hudson, in the year 1778, had in his possession at the Head of Elk, ninety-one barrels of beef, which were seized by a commissary belonging to the troops under the command of his excellency general Smallwood, for the use of the army; that he never received any satisfaction for the same during his life-time; and praying the auditor may be directed to settle the account for said beef, and grant her a certificate for the same; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Grahame and Mr. Chafe, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Harwood appeared in the house.