

The bill for the relief of fundry insolvent debtors confined in Baltimore county gaol, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Hollingsworth.

The report on the letters from the governor of Virginia, was read the second time and concurred with.

Samuel Hughes, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the supplement to the act for the further relief of the securities of Thomas Williams, deceased, late collector of the tax and public dues in Prince-George's county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, December 7, 1786: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 20, 1786: Read the second time and will not pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

And a memorial from Matthew Ridley, setting forth, that he was appointed by the governor and council in 1781, agent for the purpose of negotiating a loan of money in Europe, which was approved by the general assembly; that he was directed to purchase fundry military stores and cloathing; that he succeeded in part, but peace being suddenly concluded, rendered the arrangements and negotiations eventually prejudicial to the state; that many insinuations and reports, prejudicial to, and degrading that respectability of character which he thinks he has heretofore maintained, and which he wishes to preserve amongst his fellow-citizens; and praying a committee may be appointed to examine and report his conduct, and that they be empowered to allow him the usual and customary commissions for the conducting and executing such kind of business; endorsed; "By the senate, December 20, 1786: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was read. ORDERED, That Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. T. Johnson and Mr. Wright, be a committee to prepare a message to the senate on the subject matter of the said memorial.

On the second reading the petition of Henry Addison, the question was put, That the prayer of the said petition be granted? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. J. Johnson, appeared as follow:

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

Messrs	Abell,	Owings,	Polk,	Matthews,	J. Mitchell,	Hardcastle,	
	Hopewell,	Cockey,	Shaw,	Digges,	Henry,	Hollingsworth,	
	Chase,	Stevens,	Pattison,	Quynn,	T. Johnson,	Stull,	
	Fitzhugh,	Gale,	Steele,	Paca,	Loockerman,	Oneale.	29.
	Grahame,	Stewart,	R. Bond,	P. Mitchell,	Walker,		

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs	Perkins,	Harwood,	Stone,	Hooper,	Love,	Burgefs,	
	J. Johnson,	N. Worthington,	Roberts,	John Seney,	Wheeler,	Holmes,	
	Wright,	M'Pherson,	Sherwood,	Mantz,	Funk,	Nicholls.	18.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Leave given the petitioner to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to prevent the retail of foreign goods on credit. ORDERED, That Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Chase and Mr. Paca, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Jubb Fowler, of the city of Annapolis, setting forth, that he has acted as messenger to the governor and council many years, and as such performed his duty; that the duties of his station are constant and laborious, and during the last year employed the whole of his time; that he has a salary of seventy-five pounds only, which he apprehends was fixed by the legislature, upon a supposition that a great part of his time might be employed in other business; and praying his allowance may be increased, and compensation made him for his services the last year; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Harwood, Mr. Quynn, Mr. M'Mechen and Mr. Paca, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Robert Long, of Baltimore county, setting forth, that in virtue of an act passed at November session, 1784, for his relief, arbitrators were appointed to determine concerning the damages which he had sustained by the Principio company, who awarded that he had sustained damages to the amount of nine hundred pounds current money, for the waste of timber and detention of his land; and that it was also awarded, that the state should pay him the sum of £.618 15 0 of the aforesaid sum, being the eleven sixteenths of the said sum in which the state is interested, and also eleven sixteenths of the legal costs of suit, which he had been put to, amounting in the whole to the sum of £.687 5 9; and praying a resolve authorising the treasurer to pay him the sum awarded in specie, agreeable to the opinion of the arbitrators, or certificates receivable in taxes; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Paca, Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Chase and Mr. Stewart, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of Robert Lemmon, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? The house being equally divided, it was determined in the affirmative by the honourable speaker. Leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 20, 1786.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house are of opinion, that it will be proper to appoint a joint committee of both houses to take into consideration the subject of the memorial of Matthew Ridley, Esquire, and are ready to ap-
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