

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of Cæcil county, who were formerly in the Delaware and Pennsylvania governments, beg leave to report, that it appears to your committee, that a great number of the citizens of this state, residing in Cæcil county on several tracts of land known by the names of the Welsh Tract, the London Company's Tract, and the East and West Nottingham Lots, acquired rights to settle on the same under agreements made with the former proprietor of Pennsylvania, importing, that on the payment of certain stipulated considerations, their titles should be secure, in consequence of which agreements, the said lands have been quietly held and enjoyed.

Your committee further report, that since the establishment of the boundary line between this state and that of Pennsylvania, considerable parts of the said tracts are found to lie within the farms which the late intendant of the revenue offered for sale, and many of the residents thereon purchased large parcels thereof to prevent being evicted by others, who might become purchasers, and that executions have issued on their bonds : That it does not appear to your committee, whether the terms of the aforesaid agreements entered into with the former proprietor of Pennsylvania, have been fully complied with in every instance, but from the facts stated they conceive it reasonable, that those who have complied with their agreement, as well as those who are willing so to do, should have their titles secured without the imposition of additional burthens : They therefore submit to this honourable house the propriety of postponing the further consideration of the petition exhibited until the next session of assembly, when the circumstances of the respective claimants may be fully examined, which for want of full information, your committee are not enabled to do at present ; and that in the mean time an act may pass suspending all executions that have been issued on the bonds aforesaid, and to prevent the issuing of others until the end of the next session of assembly.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Hollingsworth has leave of absence till Tuesday next.

Mr. Hollingsworth, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, *An act for the inspection of plank and scantling in the town of Baltimore ; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.*

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

F R I D A Y, January 5, 1787.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Fitzhugh appeared in the house.

A petition from George Bird, of Cæcil county, collector of the taxes for the year 1785, praying a longer time to complete his collection, and to be discharged from the payment of interest until the expiration of the time of indulgence ; was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

The report on the petition of fundry inhabitants of Elizabeth-town, and others, of Washington county, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Quynn and Mr. Faw, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill granting Robert Lemmon the exclusive right of making and vending carding and spinning machines, was sent to the senate by Mr. Owings.

Mr. Turner has leave of absence.

The following question being propounded to the house, viz. That when this house shall adjourn, it will adjourn to Tuesday the 20th day of March next ? The previous question was called for and put, That the said question be now put ? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Chase, appeared as follow :

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

M ^{rs}	J. Johnson,	Owings,	F. Bowie,	P. Mitchell,	J. Bond,	M ^c Mechen,
	Wright,	Cockey,	R. Bowie,	Purnell,	Love,	Funk,
	Harwood,	Ridgely,	Digges,	Henry,	Wheeler,	Cromwell,
	N. Worthington,	Shaw,	Quynn,	Faw,	Loockerman,	Holmes,
	Chase,	R. Bond,	Paca,	Mantz,	Hardcastle,	Nicholls.
	Gantt,	W. Bowie,	John Seney,	Norris,		34.

N E G A T I V E.

M ^c	De Butts,	Taney,	Turner,	Stevens,	Pattison,	Bravard,
	Hopewell,	Grahame,	M ^c Pherson,	Gale,	Steele,	T. Johnson,
	Perkins,	Fitzhugh,	Stone,	Stewart,	Wallace,	Walker.
	Miller,	Dent,	Sherwood,	Polk,	Matthews,	23.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The main question was then put, and the yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Chase, appeared as follow :

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