

The speaker left the chair. Mr. Parnham took the chair of the committee. The speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Parnham reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again. And, on motion, the question was put, That the committee have leave to sit again? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Worthington, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Buchanan, of George, of Baltimore county, report, that they have had the same under consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true, and therefore submit the following resolution:

Whereas it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of William Buchanan, of George, of Baltimore county, that on the 17th day of March, 1781, the said William Buchanan paid into the treasury of the western shore the sum of £. 3000 continental money, equal to seventy-five pounds of the emissions of June, 1780, on account of John and Gilbert Buchanan, of London, merchants, in pursuance of an act of assembly, made at a session of assembly the seventeenth day of October, 1780, and the said William Buchanan hath since settled and paid the debt aforesaid, and therefore entitled to the return of the money so by him paid; therefore, RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be authorized, and he is hereby required, on the application of the said William Buchanan, of George, or his legal representatives, to return to him the aforesaid sum of money by him paid.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Robins, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to alter the times of holding the county courts in Caroline and Dorchester counties; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That Mr. Robins, Mr. Parker, Mr. Key, Mr. Duckett and Mr. Clarke, be a committee to prepare a message to the senate, in answer to their message proposing an adjournment.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, December 13, 1797.

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

Mr. T. Buchanan, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to repeal part of the act, entitled, An act to regulate auctions in Baltimore-town; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Samuel Chamberlaine, of Talbot county, praying compensation for blankets furnished for the use of the army during the late war, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Wallace, Mr. Dashiell and Mr. Hall, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Abraham Jarrett and Hannah Crossmore, of Harford county, praying the levy court of said county may be authorized to appoint five commissioners to review the road leading from the Upper Cross Roads to Benjamin Amos's mill, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Bond and Mr. M'Comas, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Goldborough, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorize and empower the levy court of Dorchester county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Solomon Etting, and others, stating, that they are a sect of people called Jews, and thereby deprived of many of the invaluable rights of citizenship, and praying to be placed upon the same footing with other good citizens, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Robins, Mr. Hall and Mr. Carroll, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Robins has leave of absence.

Mr. Comegys, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of George-town Cross Roads; which was read the first and second time; concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That the committee appointed on the petition of sundry inhabitants of George-town Cross Roads, in Kent county, prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Alexander Rigdon, of Harford county, praying a return of money paid into the treasury for deficiency of land purchased of the state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Montgomery, Mr. M'Comas and Mr. Bond, to consider and report thereon.

The bill respecting certain lots westward of Fort Cumberland erroneously transferred, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill to authorize and empower the levy court of Montgomery county to assess and levy a sum of money on the assessable property thereof for the purpose of building a new gaol in said county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from the mayor and aldermen of the corporation of the city of Annapolis, praying they may be authorized to lay a tax on the property within the said city and precincts for the support of the mayor's court and its officers, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Quinn, Mr. Key and Mr. Hall, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Key, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act relating to sheriffs sales, and to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dashiell, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Chamberlaine, of Talbot county, beg leave to report, that they have examined the same, with the exhibits thereon attendant, and are of opinion