

The following report from the intendant of the revenue, on the petition of Rebecca Hanson and Catherine Dulany, was read the first and second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto; and Mr. Stone, Mr. Forrest, Mr. Coursey, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Oneale, and Mr. Courts, were appointed a committee by Mr. Speaker to prepare and bring in the said bill.

THE petition of Mrs. Rebecca Hanson and Miss Dulany, having been referred by the honourable house of delegates to the intendant, and I having enquired into the facts stated therein, do, pursuant to the direction of your honours, report, that it appears to me, that Walter Dulany died intestate, possessed of a considerable personal and a large real estate; that the personal was inadequate to the payment of his debts, so that all the children, except the eldest, on whom the real estate devolved, were left destitute of support, and depended on the bounty of their brother Daniel, for such provision as fraternal affection and a sense of justice might prompt him to make; that their brother Daniel frequently promised to give his sister Fitzhugh 500 acres of land, part of Jehoshaphat, and that he would make the same provision for his other sisters; that Mrs. Hanson and Miss Catherine Dulany are ladies of merit, and equally deserving of the benevolence and favour of your honours with their sister; and with great deference the intendant presumes to think, that there is a propriety in the general assembly's extending their bounty to, and making the same humane and benevolent provision for them, as they have done for their sister Fitzhugh. I beg leave further to observe, that most of the estate assigned to Mrs. Dulany, the widow of Walter, for her dower, is uncultivated, and yields little or no profit; and that she is willing to relinquish all the benefit and interest she acquired under the deed from her son Daniel, and to take a third part of all the estate left by her deceased husband.

DAN. OF ST. THO. JENIFER, intendant.

The memorial of Samuel Chew, Benjamin Galloway and wife, and Peregrine Fitzhugh and wife, referred from the last to the present session, was read.

Mr. Norris, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report on the petition of Thomas Smyth; which was read.

On progression in reading the bill for raising the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-three, on motion by Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Job, the question was put, That there be a penalty inflicted on collectors of the tax refusing to act? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale and seconded by Mr. Forrest appeared as follow:

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

Messrs	Bond,	Brogden,	Wilkinson,	Job,	Quynn,	M'Mechen,
	Lloyd,	Chew,	Cradock,	Rowland,	Dashiell,	Fell,
	B. Worthington,	Dent,	Hinoman,	Magruder,	Duvall,	Edwards.
	Hall,	Stone,	Shaw,	Kent,	Hopper,	

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs.	Forrest,	Weems,	Brevard,	Coursey,	Taylor,	Burgess,
	Smyth,	Courts,	Miller,	Shriver,	Norris,	Griffith,
	Pearce,	Done,	Sewell,	Ogle,	Wheeler,	Oneale.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said bill, on motion by Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Duvall, the question was put, That some one place in each county of this state be ascertained and fixed upon for the receipt of specifics? Resolved in the affirmative.

John Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to settle and pay the civil list, and other expences of civil government, endorsed; "By the senate, November 22, 1782: " Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

" By the senate, December 11, 1782: Read the second time and will not pass.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 11, 1782.

GENTLEMEN,

THE bill, entitled, An act to settle and pay the civil list, and the other expences of civil government, may be considered by you as a money bill, to which our assent or dissent only can be given, and as you might have deemed it improper in us to make any alteration, we have returned it with a negative, we might otherwise have offered such amendments as would have met with your approbation; we are therefore under the necessity of communicating to you, by message, the reasons of our dissent.

You will readily believe, gentlemen, that we do not mean to leave the officers of government unprovided for, on the contrary, we would willingly bestow on them liberal, though not profuse, salaries; but when the weight of taxes, already so severely felt by the people, is likely to