

which was read, and referred to Mr. Stone, Mr. Quynn, Mr. Forrest, Mr. B. Worthington, and Mr. Ridgely, to consider and report thereon—a petition from Thomas Russell, of Cecil county, in behalf of his brother William Russell, of Great-Britain, praying his part of the Principio property to be restored; which was read, and referred to the committee appointed on the memorial of Thomas Russell and William Augustine Washington, to consider and report thereon—and also a petition from Elizabeth Vallette, Thomas Harwood, and William Brogden, executors of Elie Vallette, praying an act may pass, enabling them to sell the real estate of Elie Vallette, deceased, to pay his debts; which was read, and referred to Mr. Jackson, Mr. Hindman, and Mr. N. Worthington, to consider and report thereon—severally endorsed; “By the senate, May 8, 1783: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

“By order, J. DORSEY, clk.”
The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

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

THE committee appointed to consider and report on the petition of the executors of Elie Vallette, beg leave to report, That they have examined the several facts set forth in said petition, and find them to be true, and from the particular circumstances of the case are of opinion, that the prayer of the said petition ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the consideration of the house of delegates.

By order, W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant to the prayer of the petition.

A petition from sundry soldiers of the Dutch battalion, praying the depreciation of their pay, was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Beatty, Mr. Ogle, Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Lloyd, and Mr. Forrest, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from major Adam Groff, of Frederick-town, praying the depreciation of his pay, was preferred and read, and referred to the above committee, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from John Groff, of Frederick county, praying an act may pass, to enable him to lay out a main road (leading from Marsh-creek to Baltimore) at Michael Deaver's plantation, about one mile below Piney-creek, and also from his mill, to intersect the aforesaid road at Joseph Myers's plantation, about three miles below Pipe-creek, was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Job, Mr. Shriver, Mr. Kent, and Mr. Beatty, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of George Dent, of Charles county, beg leave to report, That they find the facts stated in said petition, relative to the enemy's burning his dwelling house, and other his most valuable buildings, with the greatest part of his furniture, provision, and other necessary articles, are true, and that he has thereby been subjected to great inconveniences and considerable loss; therefore your committee are of opinion he ought to be relieved from paying taxes for the term of — years. And as some other persons in this state may have sustained losses in a similar manner, your committee beg leave to suggest the passing a law in favour of all those whose cases are similar to that of Mr. Dent. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order, W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill for the relief of the citizens of this state, whose property has been taken away or destroyed by the enemy? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Chew appeared as follow:

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

Messieurs	Bond,	Stone,	Shaw,	Kent,	Dennis,	Keene,
	Chew,	Sherwood,	Job,	Quynn,	Morris,	M'Mechen,
	Reynolds,	Jackson,	Duckett,	Dashiell,	Holland,	Stull.
	Weems,					

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Forrest,	B. Worthington,	Ridgely,	Brevard,	Shriver,	Griffith,
	Key,	N Worthington,	Hindman,	Miller,	Ogle,	Oneale,
	Ford,	Brogden,	Roberts,	Magruder,	Beatty,	Edwards.
	Lloyd,	Dent,	Gibson,	Seney,		

So it was determined in the negative.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the provisional treaty between Great-Britain and America—letter from Robert R. Livingston, of the 18th of March