

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, APRIL, 1783. 41

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the vestry of Shrewsbury parish, in Kent county, beg leave to report, that they are of opinion the facts set forth in said petition are true, and that a law ought to pass to empower the present vestrymen of said parish, or their successors, to sell the glebe land belonging to said parish, and appropriate the money arising from the sale towards the purchasing land for a glebe within the said parish, and more convenient to the church and chapel thereto belonging, and if such purchase cannot be made, that they be authorized to put the money to interest till such can be procured. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to continue the civil causes in the general court for the western shore, and for other purposes; and Mr. Stone, Mr. M'Mechen, and Mr. Sewell, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

Mr. Sewell, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the said bill; which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Burges and Mr. Oneale.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of doctor Edward Johnson, guardian of Jonathan Plowman, and the counter petition of Robert Ballard, administrator de bonis non of the estate of Jonathan Plowman, deceased, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and from the best information your committee could obtain, the yearly income of said ward amounts to £. 219 15 0 currency; that the taxes, repairs, and ground-rent, amount to £. 83 15 0, which will leave a balance of £. 136 0 0 for the education and maintenance of the said ward; that from the representation of the said Robert Ballard, there is a very considerable debt due to British subjects, and others; that it will take all the personal, and the greatest part of the real estate of the said Plowman, to discharge said debts, and leasing said lots would injure the sale thereof. That as the allegations of both parties are unsupported by evidence sufficient to convince your committee which ought to prevail, they beg leave to submit to the honourable house, the propriety of setting down a day for the consideration of said subject. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and thereupon ORDERED, That the subject matter be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to authorize and empower Frank Leeke, of Prince-George's county, to dispose of a tract of land called Wells's Invention, &c. endorsed; "By the senate, May 14, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie " on the table.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

" By the senate, May 17, 1783: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

ORDERED, That the representation from the intendant, respecting My Lady's manor, be taken into consideration on Monday next; that the commissioners for confiscated property attend at the bar of this house; and that summonses issue for Mr. Whetcroft, Mr. Williams, Mr. John Davidson, and Mr. James Tootell, and any other witnesses that may be applied for.

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

By the COMMITTEE of CLAIMS.

YOUR committee beg leave to report, That they have examined the accounts of Thomas Harwood, Esq; treasurer of the western shore, and find, by an account settled by the committee of claims, November 16, 1782, there was a balance remaining in the treasury of £. 4294 3 4 specie.

That it appears to your committee, by the accounts of said treasurer, that he hath received, since the 16th of November 1782, the date of the last report, from the treasurer of the eastern shore, the sum of £. 4964 7 in bills of credit emitted May 10, 1781, £. 803 18 3 in bills of credit emitted June 1780, £. 592 2 6 in bills of credit emitted May 1781, and £. 57 9 9 specie; from the intendant, £. 5215 18 3, for tobacco sold £. 150; from the commissioners of confiscated estates, arising from the sale of Wiccomico manor, £. 230 8 9; from major general Smallwood, £. 621 5; from the clerk of the chancery court, for fees arising on the great seal, £. 29 12 11; for escheats and caution on land certificates, £. 1248 19 7; for interest received on bonds in the old loan-office, £. 30; for confiscated property, £. 49 specie, and £. 1639 10 in bills of credit emitted June 1780; from the collectors of the tax of the several counties,