

46 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER 1783.

William Woolsey, by his petition, alleges, that there was not proper notice given by the said Catherine Woolsey, and that the said law passed upon allegations ill founded, greatly to his prejudice. Your committee are of opinion, that the said Catherine Woolsey ought to have personal notice of the above charges, and that a day be appointed for the hearing of the parties. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee appointed to enquire what laws have or will expire this session, beg leave to report, that the following laws will expire at the close thereof, to wit. All those parts of An act concerning estates tail, and the jurisdiction of the county courts, so far as the same relates to county courts, passed June session, seventeen hundred and seventy-three. An act establishing a mode to perpetuate testimony, passed July session, 1779. An act for the regulation of the staple of tobacco, and An act to prevent frauds in commerce, and to direct the duty of naval-officers, passed June session, 1780. An act to continue an act for the regulation of officers fees, and for other purposes, passed October session, 1780. A supplement to the act for the regulation of the staple of tobacco, passed same session. An additional supplement to the act for the regulation of the staple of tobacco, passed May session, 1781. An act to declare what foreign gold and silver coin shall be deemed the current money of the state, passed November session, 1781. And, An act to punish persons contriving the escapes of prisoners of war, passed April session, 1782. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

G. RANKEN, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from John L. Elbert, setting forth, that he was on the first day of July, 1780, appointed a junior surgeon in the southern hospitals, and acted as such till 20th October, 1780, when he was appointed apothecary to the southern army, and acted till first of January, 1782; and praying to be allowed the pay annexed to the office of apothecary; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Harris, Mr. Kent, and Mr. Ware, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of Gerard Harben, was read the second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

A petition from Michael Hall Bonwill, of Dorchester county, praying an act may pass to open a road leading from Vienna to Cambridge to his grist mill, and to continue the same to the main road leading from New Market to Vienna, was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Courley, Mr. Seney, and Mr. Sewell, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Thomas Sudler, of Somerset county, praying an act may pass, directing the treasurer of the western shore to grant certificates to Thomas Seon to the amount of twenty-three hundred dollars, which was taken from him by the enemy in March, 1781, was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Courley, Mr. Seney, and Mr. Sewell, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of William Woolsey, was read the second time and concurred with, and thereupon ORDERED, That the subject matter be taken into consideration on Wednesday the third day of December next, and that Mrs. Catherine Woolsey have notice thereof, and that summonses issue for any witnesses that may be applied for.

The following message was prepared and sent to the senate by Mr. Ware and Mr. De Butts.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 22, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house have appointed from nine o'clock in the morning till three in the afternoon, for its sitting during this session for the dispatch of public business.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The house having qualified in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government to proceed to the choice of a governor, ORDERED, That Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Carroll, and Mr. Kent, be a committee to prepare a message to the senate, informing them, that this house is ready to go into the choice of a governor.

Mr. M'Mechen, from the committee, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 22, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE propose, at one o'clock this day, to proceed to the choice of a governor, and have appointed Mr. Digges, Mr. Mackall, and Mr. Duckett, to examine the ballot boxes in conjunction with the members that may be appointed by your house. No person is named by this house but the honourable William Paca, Esquire.

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and sent to the senate by Mr. Key and Mr. Carroll.