

A petition from Robert Amos, collector of Harford county, praying a further time to complete his collection for the year 1783; was preferred and read.

The bill to ascertain, establish, and perpetuate, the bounds of the public grounds at Queen's-town, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Wright.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to alter the time of holding the courts in the several counties therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. G. Scott, Mr. De Butts, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Chaille, and Mr. Miller, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, ORDERED, That the committee of claims report to this house what sum of money be paid to Mr. Chafe, on consideration of all circumstances, for his trouble and expences, and for his charges in maintaining, defending, and prosecuting, the right of this state to the bank stock, such sum, after allowing Mr. Chafe the expense of the suits in the high court of chancery in Great-Britain, if the bank stock shall be recovered or secured to this state, to be deducted out of the commission allowed him on the receipt of the stock.

The engrossed bills from No. 2 to 11 inclusive, were read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bills thereof, by Mr. Harris.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from Richard Ridgely, Esq; of the 8th of December instant; which was read.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolution respecting John Jarman, of Queen-Anne's county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 10, 1784: Read and dissented to.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

A petition from Duncan Campbell and James Burney, two languishing prisoners in Talbot county gaol, praying to be released therefrom; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Harris, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Hindman, to consider and report thereon.

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

S A T U R D A Y, December 11, 1784.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Coursey. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Seney appeared in the house.

A petition from Thomas Guibert, formerly a soldier in the Maryland line, was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. De Butts, Mr. Key, and Mr. Shaw, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. De Butts has leave of absence till Saturday next. Mr. J. Scott has leave of absence. Mr. Wright is excused by the house for absenting himself without leave. Mr. Richard Graves, a delegate returned for Kent county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took his seat in the house.

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

THE committee of claims, to which was referred an order of the honourable house respecting an allowance to be made Samuel Chafe, Esq; for his considerable trouble and expence in maintaining and defending the right of this state to the bank stock, beg leave to report, that Mr. Chafe having been detained in England upwards of five months by Mr. Russell's filing a bill in chancery against him, they are of opinion that he merits the attention of this general assembly, and that the sum of _____ be advanced him, subject to be deducted out of the commission of four per cent. on the recovery of the said bank stock. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDRER, clk.

Which was read.

The bill to empower the justices of Montgomery county to assess and levy a sum of money on the inhabitants of said county for the purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Graves.

Edward Lloyd, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from Frederick Green, praying an annual allowance as printer to the state, endorsed; "By the senate, December 11, 1784: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was read.

Mr. L. thibury has leave of absence.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Hindman be added to the committee of claims.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill concerning fugitive criminals. ORDERED, That Mr. G. Scott, Mr. Joseph Dashiell, and Mr. Hall, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Caroline county, praying an act may pass to assess and levy a sum of money on the inhabitants of said county for the purpose of building a court-house and prison in said county; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Harcastle, Mr. G. Scott, and Mr. Chaille, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Frazer, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the sale of the glebe land of Saint Mary Anne's parish in Cæcil county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. G. Scott, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act concerning fugitive criminals; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.