

A petition from Samuel G. Osborn, collector of the tax for the year 1784 in Harford county, praying a further time to complete his collection, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Ridgely has leave of absence till Tuesday week.

A counter remonstrance from sundry inhabitants of Cæcil county, to the petition for the removal of the seat of justice from Charles-town to the Head of Elk, was preferred and read. ORDERED, That the subject matter of the said petition and counter remonstrance be taken into consideration on Monday the first day of January next.

A petition from Jacob Ware, of Charles county, setting forth, that he is in possession of a tract of land in said county, called Croftan's Entrance, containing twenty-two acres; that the surveyor, in executing a warrant of resurvey, made his beginning at the end of the third course of the said land, as originally laid down, and reversed the same, but in his certificate has omitted to reverse the second course, which ought to be west instead of east; and praying an act may pass for altering the said second course so as to include the lands aforesaid; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Turner, Mr. Shaw and Mr. R. Bowie, to consider and report thereon.

A memorial from Patrick Bennett, forage-master to the cavalry lately in the service of the United States, praying the depreciation of his pay while he acted as such, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Stone and Mr. Harwood, to consider and report thereon.

Summonses issued for William Smithson, Jacob Norris, John Taylor, Francis Curtis, Dennis Bond, Thomas Gibson, David Clark, William Allender, Alexander Rigden, Aquila Scott, and Thomas Bond, of Thomas, to give testimony on the petition and counter remonstrance respecting the removal of the seat of justice in Harford county.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Arthur Harris, of Calvert county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion, that he is entitled to the relief he prays for; that from his peculiar circumstances, having lost his eye-sight, which was brought on from the hardships he sustained during the course of six years service in the cause of his country, they conceive that he ought to be put on the same footing with other disabled officers, agreeably to the act for the relief of certain maimed and disabled officers. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

The bill, entitled, An act for an emission of bills of credit, was sent to the senate by Mr. Paca.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to suspend for a time the collection of the public assessment imposed November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-five. ORDERED, That Mr. Paca, Mr. Joshua Seney, Mr. Chase and Mr. T. Johnson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

John Smith, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker an address from the state agent of the 14th instant, with sundry enclosures; two letters from the governor of Virginia of the 1st instant, enclosing an act of assembly and a resolution for opening a commercial intercourse with this state; severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 16, 1786: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Petitions from the inhabitants of Somerset county, setting forth, that the lands in said county were over rated by the act passed last session, entitled, An act to ascertain the value of the lands in the several counties in this state for the purpose of laying the public assessment, and praying that the said rate may be lowered; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Paca, Mr. Wright, Mr. Chase and Mr. Faw, to consider and report thereon.

The address of the state agent, was referred to Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Chase, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Paca, Mr. Shaw and Mr. Matthews, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Vachel Downes, of Queen-Anne's county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Joshua Seney, Mr. Paca and Mr. Matthews, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Robert Lemmon, of Baltimore county, praying an exclusive right in making and vending machines for the purpose of carding and spinning cotton and wool, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee of manufactures to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county, setting forth, that the causeway erected at a place called The Narrows, in said county, is, from the length of time, and the severity of seasons, so far decayed and mouldered away, as to render it almost impassable for horse or rider; that the most speedy passage from the southern to the different parts of the northern states, is by the way of Kent-Island; and praying the same may be repaired either by the state or the county; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Paca, Mr. Joshua Seney, Mr. Pattison, Mr. Purnell and Mr. Perkins, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from John Irvin, of Cæcil county, praying to be released from imprisonment, and that trustees may be appointed to sell and dispose of all his property for the benefit of his creditors, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

The report on the petitions of several languishing prisoners in Baltimore county gaol, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Burgess and Mr. Hollingsworth, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

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