

thread, worsted, or yarn stockings, to the person or persons who, on the same stock, weave or cause to be wove the greatest number of pairs, not less than 2000 pairs of such stockings," be struck out? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the following words be inserted in the said report after the word "recommend," viz. "That moderate bounties be given on the manufacturing of those articles?" Resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said report, the question was put, That the following words at the end thereof, viz. "The duties and premiums continue at least seven years," be struck out, and the following inserted, viz. "The above duties, or as high as shall be laid in the states of Pennsylvania, Delaware and Virginia, shall be continued at least seven years, and the premiums above shall continue the same time?" Resolved in the affirmative.

The report being read throughout, the question was put, That the same be concurred with? Resolved in the affirmative. Leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Mechen, Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Paca and Mr. Chase, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Wright, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the trial of facts in the counties where they arise; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

William Hemsley, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a memorial from the factors of sundry British merchants, respecting debts due to said merchants from citizens of this state, endorsed; "By the senate, January 6, 1787: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to the parties to withdraw the said memorial; and it was withdrawn accordingly.

William Perry, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to revive and continue the proceedings of the orphans court of Dorchester county, endorsed; "By the senate, January 8, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, January 8, 1787: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to determine by election, whether the court-house and prison of Harford county be erected at Bell-air or at Havre-de-Grace, was sent to the senate by Mr. Wheeler.

The house adjourns till 5 o'clock.

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

The house met.

Mr. T. Johnson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to prevent the retail of foreign goods on credit; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Edward Downes, late collector of the tax for Queen-Anne's county, beg leave to report, that they have no doubt that the facts therein stated are true. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that the prayer thereof be granted, and that his claim be allowed in the journal of accounts. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Vachel Downes, of Queen-Anne's county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the said Downes may be allowed to pay into the treasury such certificates as by law are receivable, without taking the oath in such cases made necessary, provided he makes it appear to the satisfaction of the treasurer, that he the said Downes came into the possession of the said certificates in the manner he has set forth. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. D. MERRICK, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Rafin, one of the securities for Thomas Boyer, of Kent county, beg leave to report, that they have considered the allegations therein contained, and find that a judgment was obtained against the said Thomas Boyer, in his lifetime, on his bond for the collection of taxes; that the said Thomas Boyer was seized at the time of the said judgment of a small tract of land amounting to about one hundred and twenty acres; that the whole property of the said Thomas Boyer, if sold for ready money, will not pay the balance due upon his bond for the collection; that the deficiency must fall upon the said William Rafin, whose estate will scarcely be sufficient to pay the same. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that the sheriff of the said county, on the execution to be issued on the judgment aforesaid, be directed to sell the lands of the said Thomas Boyer on credit, till the year seventeen hundred and ninety, and that the purchaser give bond to the state with security for the payment of principal and interest,