

ers should be empowered to make payment at any time before proclamation, where they shall not have complied by making payment at the times specified by the proposed alteration of the said second section; and that in those cases where proclamations have been or shall be made, if the party proclaiming shall assign to the original holder, the assignee shall be in the same situation as if no proclamation had been made.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from David Wiley, James Denny and William Glade, of Harford county, stating that Aquila Hall, without their knowledge, bonded with the late intendant for three tracts of land in the reserves of Harford, whereon they lived; that the said intendant discovering the right of preference in them, took their bonds for the said land; and praying the chancellor may be empowered to decide which of them are entitled to the preference in said land; was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed to bring in a further supplement to the act for enlarging the powers of the high court of chancery.

Petitions from Lavallin Barry, Benjamin Rogers and Charles Myers, praying an act of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. Mr. B. Worthington and Mr. Carroll, to consider and report thereon.

Petitions from James Duer and Joshua Townshend, late collectors of the tax for Worcester county, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

The report on the petition of Edward Oldham, was read the second time, concurred with, and thereupon, RESOLVED, That on Edward Oldham's discharging the principal and interest of the bond in which he became bound to the state for the sum of seven hundred and ten pounds and nine shillings current money, as security for Thomas Yates, on a purchase made by the said Yates of part of the confiscated property of the Principio company, a patent shall be issued to the said Oldham for the land purchased by the said Yates as aforesaid.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Winder.

A petition from Thomas Dorsey, of Anne-Arundel county, praying relief on account of certain confiscated property purchased of the state in the year 1782, payable in continental state money, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Winder, Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. Mr. Seney and Mr. W. Tilghman, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Charles and Saint-Mary's counties, praying an act may pass to change the road leading from Allen's-Fresh to Newport, in Charles county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Craik, Mr. M'Pherson and Mr. Carroll, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Bond, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the removal of the seat of justice from Charles-town to the Head of Elk, in Cæcil county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. O'Brien, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom the petition of Henry Hicks Traverse, of Dorchester county, was referred, beg leave to report, that they have examined the facts set forth, and believe they are truly stated, but are of opinion it would be attended with dangerous consequences: was the legislature to change, in any degree, the last will and testament of any person. Your committee are therefore of opinion it would be highly improper to grant the prayer of the petition. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

The report on the petition of Benjamin Rogers, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a resolution pursuant thereto.

Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following resolution:

Whereas William Hammond, of Baltimore-town, hath set forth in his petition, that he lodged in the treasury of the western shore of this state the sum of thirteen hundred and twenty-five pounds continental money, being of the value of thirty-three pounds two shillings and six-pence black state money, on account of James Russell and James Gildart, under the act aforesaid, since which time he hath fully paid and satisfied the said James Russell and James Gildart, and he cannot draw the said money, unless by an order of the legislature, agreeably to the act of assembly passed at October session, seventeen hundred and eighty; and praying a return of the money paid into the treasury aforesaid; and the said facts appearing to this general assembly to be true, RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore deliver unto the said William Hammond, or order, the said sum of thirty-three pounds two shillings and six-pence, exchanged for the sum of continental money deposited in the treasury aforesaid.

Which was read the first and second time, assented to, and sent to the senate by Mr. Ridgely.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Bladensburg, in Prince-George's county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true, and are of opinion a law should pass authorising the justices of Prince-George's county to assess and levy (in addition to the sum which the said justices are empowered by law to levy) on the inhabitants of said county, a sum not exceeding