

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the commissioners of the Hanover market, in Baltimore-town, report, that they have examined the allegations contained in the said petition, and find them to be true. Your committee are of opinion, that the prayer of the petition is reasonable and ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order, J. WINCHESTER, jun. clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth Dorsey, executrix of Thomas Dorsey, deceased, report, that they have examined the allegations set forth in the said petition, and find, that in the month of February, 1782, when the said Thomas Dorsey, deceased, and his partners, passed their bonds to the state payable in the paper emissions commonly called continental state and black money, that the same were depreciated at the rate of three for one in specie; that the said emissions were made receivable in taxes at the rate of two and three paper dollars for one silver dollar; that the property, for which the said bonds were given, was sold by the state at thrice its real value in specie; that the said Thomas Dorsey hath paid to the state, on account of the said bonds, the sum of £. 9238 2 6 in final settlement certificates, exclusive of the sum of £. 689 0 11 surplus interest, being one third of the said debts in September, 1787; that the balance still due from the said Thomas Dorsey, on the 4th of October, 1790, including interest, amounted to £. 8248 10 10 in black and continental state money; that the said Thomas Dorsey, by his last will, hath directed his executrix to offer the legislature property purchased of the state to the amount of the said balance, at the same rate the property was purchased; that it appears to your committee, that if the state exact a rigid compliance with the original terms of the contract, that the widow and children of the said Thomas Dorsey must be left entirely destitute of support, and that it will be uncertain whether the demand of the state will be fully satisfied.

Your committee therefore, under the peculiar circumstances of the petitioner's family, recommend that a law may pass to accept real property sold by the state, and which is offered by the petitioner, towards payment from the said Thomas Dorsey's executrix, for the balance due from her, at the price the state disposed thereof, and personal property at a valuation to be made by persons on oath hereafter to be appointed, and that time be given for the payment of the residue.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order, W. E. SEWELL, clk.

Which was read.

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

F R I D A Y, November 26, 1790.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Hughes has leave of absence.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, complaining of improper collections of the taxes by John Taylor, late collector of said county, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee of grievances to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Wilkinson appeared in the house.

The bill to provide for the appointment of commissioners for the regulation and improvement of Easton, in Talbot county, and to establish and regulate a market at the said town, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Foreman.

The resolutions in favour of Henry C. Baker and Ebenezer Mackie, were sent to the senate by Mr. Steele.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to provide for the appointment of commissioners for the regulation and improvement of Easton, in Talbot county, and to establish and regulate a market at the said town. ORDERED, That Mr. Kerr, Mr. Sherwood, and Mr. Lecompte, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

William Hemsley, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolution respecting the securities of Archibald Buchanan, endorsed; "By the senate, November 23, 1790: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, H. RIDGELY, jun. clk.

"By the senate, November 25, 1790: Read the second time and assented to.

"By order, H. RIDGELY, jun. clk."

The supplement to the act for the relief of the poor of Somerset county, endorsed; "By the senate, November 18, 1790: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, H. RIDGELY, jun. clk.

"By the senate, November 25, 1790: Read the second time and will not pass.

"By order, H. RIDGELY, jun. clk."

The bill to alter and change the name of Charles Ridgely Carnan, and others, endorsed; "By the senate, November 25, 1790: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, H. RIDGELY, jun. clk.

"By the senate, November 26, 1790: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order, H. RIDGELY, jun. clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.