

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. **ORDERED**, That Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. Mr. Dennis and Mr. M'Mechen, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Talbot Shipley, of Anne-Arundel county, stating, that by an act of assembly he was appointed trustee of George Shipley, who was insane, and praying that he may be authorized to sell, under the directions of the chancellor, so much of the estate of the said George Shipley as will be sufficient to refund the sum overpaid by him, the said Talbot Shipley, towards defraying the expence of the estate of the said George Shipley, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. J. Worthington, Mr. M'Mechen and Mr. Digges, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of George Churchman and Hezekiah Rowles, beg leave to report, that they find the allegations therein stated true, and are of opinion that the prayer of the said petition ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Hollingsworth, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to remove the market-house at the Head of Elk, and establishing the same, and for the advancement and regulation of the said town, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Anne Moore, of Harford county, stating, that the proprietors of the Nottingham iron-works were indebted to Thomas Moore, who assigned the same to her husband; that the estate of the said proprietors has been confiscated, and praying compensation for the loss sustained by means of the same, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. J. Wilmer, Mr. Waggaman and Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. to consider and report thereon.

The amendment to the bill for vesting in Thomas Cockey Deye, and his heirs, all the right and interest of the state of Maryland in and to a tract of land called Lancaster, was read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill further supplementary to an act, entitled, An act to prevent the importation of slaves into this state, as amended; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, agreeable to the order of the day, and on motion, the question was put, That the following clause be struck out of the said bill? "And be it enacted, if, upon any call or draught of part of the militia for actual service, it shall happen to fall to the lot of any minor or apprentice to be so called or draughted, and the said minor or apprentice shall neglect or refuse to go, and the parent, guardian, or master or mistress, shall refuse or neglect to find a substitute in his stead, and a substitute or substitutes shall be found agreeable to the directions of this act, that the father, or mother or guardian of such minor, and the master or mistress of such apprentice, shall be liable to the payment of such sum or sums of money as it shall cost to procure such substitute or substitutes, and in case such substitute or substitutes cannot be obtained, then to pay all such fines or sums of money as are imposed by this act on such minor or apprentice, to be levied as above directed, provided such minor or apprentice shall be in the actual service of his parent, guardian, master or mistress." Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, the question was put, That the house reconsider the nineteenth clause in the said bill? Determined in the negative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the blank in the twenty-fifth clause of the said bill be filled up with five hundred dollars? Determined in the negative.

On motion, the question was put, That the said blank be filled up with six hundred dollars? Determined in the negative.

On motion the question was put, That the said blank be filled up with one thousand dollars? Determined in the negative.

On motion the question was put, That the said blank be filled up with two hundred dollars? Resolved in the affirmative.

On further progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the following words in the twenty-fifth clause be struck out: "seized and possessed of property in this state assessed to the sum of two hundred dollars or upwards, and residing therein, shall pay the sum of two dollars annually," and insert the words "and all persons, heretofore exempted by this act from doing militia duty, shall pay the sum of one sixteenth of a dollar annually for every hundred pounds worth of assessable property such person may possess?" Determined in the negative.

On motion, the question was put, That the following clause be struck out of the said bill? "And be it enacted, That all free male white persons, above forty-five years of age, seized and possessed of property in this state assessed to the sum of two hundred dollars or upwards, and residing therein, shall pay the sum of two dollars annually, on or before the first day of September, as a fund, to be appropriated to the purchase of arms and accoutrements for the use of the militia; and it shall be the duty of the commissioners of the tax in each county of this state, to make out and deliver to the collectors of the county charges in their respective counties, a true and accurate list of all persons chargeable with the payment of the said sum; and it shall be the duty of all such collectors to collect the same, and pay the balance, after retaining six per cent. commission for their trouble, to the treasurer of the shire where they reside, on the first day of December annually; and the said treasurer shall keep separate accounts thereof." Resolved in the affirmative.