

and to record the book or books, or other papers, relating to said addition, in the possession of William Deakins, junior, who is the only surviving commissioner, among the records of the territory of Columbia, your committee report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that great public utility would arise from such a law, are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted. All which is submitted.

By order,

J. HAKWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

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

S A T U R D A Y, December 10, 1796.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Hollingsworth, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Wallace, of Cæcil county, report, that it appears that at a sale of confiscated property at Elkton in August, 1782, a lot, No. 26, was struck off for forty-five pounds to a certain Leonard Strouce, who never appeared afterward to make payment or give bond therefor; afterward a suit was brought in Cæcil county court in the name of the state against said Strouce for the purchase money, judgment was obtained, and the aforesaid lot was taken in execution, and on the 8th day of August, 1787, sold for £ 27 5 0, by the sheriff of Cæcil county, to George Wallace of said county, who paid the money to the said sheriff, and received from him a deed of conveyance of said lot; said Wallace has since died, and it appears that the sheriff's deed was not sufficient to vest in them the title to said lot, but that it is still in the state. The committee are of opinion that the lot ought to be conveyed to said George Wallace's heirs, they paying the state as much, as with the money paid to the sheriff as aforesaid, will make up the sum which said lot first sold for, and suggest the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the chancellor of this state be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to make over, by deed of conveyance, to the heirs of George Wallace, of Cæcil county, deceased, in fee-simple, all the right and title of the state of Maryland of in and to a lot of ground distinguished by the number twenty-six on the plot of confiscated lots in Elkton, on their paying into the treasury the sum of seventeen pounds fifteen shillings.

All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

S. LUCKETT, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Bowles, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor of Washington county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the encouragement of learning in the several counties of this state, and to establish a uniform system of education. ORDERED, That Mr. Robins, Mr. Baker, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Key, Mr. Brother, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Winchester, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill to ratify and make valid the sales of land made by Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer, while agent for this state, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Winchester has leave of absence for a few days.

On motion, ORDERED, That the further consideration of the bill to lay out and establish a turnpike road from the city of Washington to Baltimore-town be postponed until Tuesday next.

The clerk of the senate delivers a letter from the governor, requesting the state to grant a sum of money to defray the expences of a tribe of Indians who are on their way to Philadelphia on business with the president of the United States, and also a letter from the governor and council respecting the situation of the several armouries of this state, agreeably to a resolution of the last session of assembly, with a statement respecting the same, severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 9, 1796: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Which were read.

The bill to ratify and make valid the sales of land made by Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer, while agent for the state, endorsed; "By the senate, December 10, 1796: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

And a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore-town, praying an act may pass incorporating a company for the purpose of building three stone bridges over Jones's Falls, and a letter from the governor, enclosing a letter from the president of the United States, respecting a loan of money from the state to the commissioners of the city of Washington, severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 10, 1796: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Which were read

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill respecting certain records and papers in the clerk's and register of wills offices in Queen-Anne's county. ORDERED, That Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Brown and Mr. Winchester, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

RESOLVED,