

to the provisions of the bill on that subject; and although convinced of the injurious tendency of incorporations for manufacturing, in damping the ardor, and repressing the enterprise of individuals, and associations, they anticipate the approach of an aera replete with results most beneficial to the public welfare, when the demand for labour may be more generally extended, when all classes, and most particularly indigent females, and idle children, may find employment, and ready pay, as your committee hope, and confidently trust, that the wisdom of the federal government may speedily devise the means of restoring an adequate supply of circulating medium to put in motion the productive energies of the nation.

Your committee will proceed in the preparation of additional bills for the great object of this report, and with submission to the house, they cordially invite the concurrent aid of the efficient committee of ways and means. By order, **TRUEMAN CROSS, Clk.**

Which was read.

Also a bill entitled, An act to provide for the public instruction of youth throughout this state, and to promote the important interests of husbandry and manufactures; which was read.

Mr. Parker delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Enoch Cloud, beg leave to report, the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, it appears to this general assembly, by the petition of Enoch Cloud, that he, in the year 1817, applied to the governor and council to purchase a piece of land, which he conceived was liable to confiscation, in consequence the executive ordered a survey, and appointed commissioners to make a valuation thereof, for the amount of which the petitioner executed his bond, with security thereon to the state, for the sum of three hundred and thirty three dollars and thirty-three cents, being two thirds of the whole amount at which the said property was valued; that a caveat was filed by certain persons who conceived the said property to be their right and estate, and not liable to confiscation, against a patent issuing therefore to the said Cloud, and after an expensive investigation and considerable argument, by counsel, before his honor the Chancellor, it was decided that a patent should issue for the same, that the case might be tried before a jury of the county; that since the petitioner has been at considerable trouble and expense, and should he be compelled to pay the amount of the bond given by him, and lose the property, he would be ruined; that he is willing to lose all the expenses incurred, and to relinquish his claim to said property to the state, provided that he and his securities shall be released from the payment of his bond; and that he therefore prays this general assembly, to cause the said bond to be cancelled, upon his giving up all his claim to said property; and the prayer of the petitioner appearing reasonable; therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby authorised and directed, to dismiss the suit as instituted by this state against the said Enoch Cloud, and his securities, and to cancel the said bond upon the said Cloud executing a release for all his right and interest in the said land, he the said Cloud paying all costs which have accrued on the suit instituted in behalf of the state against him on said bond.

Which was read.

By order,

J. COCKEY, Junr. Clk.

Mr. Lloyd presents a petition from Celia Stevens, of Talbot county; read and referred to the committee on divorces.

On motion by Mr. Roberts, the order relative to confining the printing of orders and resolutions to the votes and proceedings only, was reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Allen, the word "reports" was inserted. The order was then assented to.

Mr. Teackle reports a bill entitled, An act for the relief of William Gory King and Thomas Delphy, and Mr. Dennis reports a bill for the relief of Isaac Harris, of John, of Somerest county, and Mr. Garner reports a bill entitled, An act to prevent fraudulent conveyances and for other purposes; which were read.

Mr. Purviance presents a petition from Sidney Buchanan, Mary Allison, Peggy Buchanan, and Amelia Buchanah, against the extension of Pratt street; which was read, and with the petition of Robert Smith, referred to the committee appointed to bring in a bill relative to Pratt street.

On motion by Mr. Wright, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, A supplement to the act entitled, An act to erect a town in Queen Ann's county. Ordered, that Messrs. Wright, Roberts and Meconiken, report the same.

On motion by Mr. G. Leigh, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, An act to repeal an act entitled, A supplement to the act for licensing and regulating ordinary keepers, and for other purposes. Ordered, that Messrs. G. Leigh, Millard and Maddox, report the same.

Mr. Millard delivers the following report:

The committee to whom were referred the several petitions of sundry inhabitants of Saint Mary's and Charles counties, upon the subject of tavern rates, beg leave to report, that they have received communications from Saint Mary's county, desiring that the subject should not be taken up by the legislature, in consequence of a belief that the judges at the next March term will fix the tavern rates as prayed for in the petition preferred to Saint Mary's county court, they therefore beg leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the same, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

By order,

T. E. HAMBLETON, Clk.

Which was twice read and concurred with.

The bill to authorise Luther I. Cox and his wife, of Baltimore, to remove a house, was read the second time, and will not pass.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill relative to civil rights and religious privileges, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.