

Levin Woolford nor his executors since his decease have ever paid unto your petitioner any part of the principal or interest due on the said mortgage, except the sum of £. 55, though your petitioner filed a bill in chancery against a certain James Woolford, son and heir of the same Levin Woolford, deceased, to compel a conveyance of the said lands and negroes mortgaged as aforesaid, or payment of the principal and interest due on the same, which bill ever since hath been and still is depending in the court of Chancery.

Your petitioner further humbly sheweth unto your honours, that there is now upwards of 11 years interest due on the said mortgage, which with the principal amounts to the sum of £. 813 13, the annual interest of a great part of which sum your petitioner has been deprived of by the unjust and ungenerous conduct of the said Levin Woolford in his life time, and of his executor James Woolford since his decease.

Your petitioner further humbly sheweth unto your honours, since the paper currency hath arrived at its present unhappy and unexpected point of depreciation, the same James Woolford, as executor of his deceased brother, hath applied to your petitioner to receive the principal and interest due on the said mortgage, though he well knows that your petitioner and her orphan son and infant have already been reduced by the tender act, and the injustice of those who have availed themselves of it, from ease and independence to indigence and want, and that this little pittance is almost the only remnant of their ruined and broken fortunes, whilst others now rioting in the luxuries which their fortunes have procured. Under such unmerited and dreadful calamities, your petitioner knows not to whom to apply but to your honours, amongst whom she flatters herself she shall find a guardian and protector of the rights of the injured orphan and widow. Your petitioner asks nothing but a restoration of her own property, or of the effects which were pledged as a security for such restoration. If wisdom dictated to your honours to make the tender law, your petitioner humbly hopes, that mercy may soften the rigour of it when thus cruelly extended to the fatherless and widow. 'Tis true what now remains of your petitioner's once ampler fortune is but a scanty pittance, yet even pittance as it is, it may enable your petitioner to bring up her infant son, educate him, and place him in some way of life, where his industry may regain a fortune, which the calamity of his country has deprived him of. Though the subject matter on which your petitioner now addresses your honours be indeed but small, yet your honours will remember that it is now your petitioner's all, and is of consequence become as valuable to her as a much larger fortune once was. She therefore humbly submits her case to the consideration of your honours, and hopes for such relief in the premises as to your honours shall seem meet, and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

ELIZABETH CAILE.

Messieurs Ward and Norris, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act relating to sheriffs and collectors of the tax, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, April 24, 1780: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

"By the house of delegates, April 25, 1780: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

F. GREEN, clk."

The engrossed bills No. 16 and 17 were read and assented to, and the paper bills thereof so endorsed.

The bill, entitled, An act to abolish for ever the payment of quit-rent, was read the second time by especial order, passed with the proposed amendments, and with the paper bills No. 16 and 17 sent to the house of delegates by Richard Barnes, Esq;

Amendments proposed. Strike out from the word "state" in the 6th line to the word "and" in the 8th line. After the word "states" in the 11th line insert the following: "And whereas the payment of quit-rent from the declaration of independence hath ceased, and of right ought to cease, being an acknowledgment of a sovereignty incompatible with the absolute sovereignty of this free and independent state." Strike out the enacting clause in the bill, and insert the following: "Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the citizens thereof, from the declaration of independence, and for ever thereafter, be, and they are hereby declared to be, exonerated and discharged from the payment of the aforesaid quit-rent, and that the same shall be for ever abolished and discontinued."

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

### P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The senate met.

The petition of Elizabeth Caille of Dorchester county, and of John Simmons of Anne-Arundel county, praying to be admitted to take the oath of fidelity to this state, were read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Joseph Sim, Esq;

The bill relating to sheriffs and collectors of the tax was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

W E D N E S.