

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Mr. Groome delivers the following report:

THE Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sampson G. Heyland, of Cecil county, praying for a special act of Assembly confirming his right to certain negroes manumitted before his marriage by his present wife by deed of manumission, evidenced by only one witness, have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that no exception to the act of eighteen hundred and ten entitled, An act relating to servants and slaves ought to be sanctioned by the legislature, other than the exceptions established by the said act; inasmuch as that act having vested rights, it would be highly improper to divest them by a subsequent law. And if the prayer of the said petitioner should come within the purview of that act, it would be superfluous to legislate on the subject. Wherefore your committee beg leave to report that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order,

T. MURPHEY, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Emory delivers the following report:

Whereas, It is represented to this General Assembly, by the petition of James Brown and James Butcher, that judgments have been obtained in Queen Anne's county court, at the last October term, by the levy court of said county, against James Hall and Anna Hackett, (surviving executrix of James Hackett,) as securities of John B. Hackett, late collector of the taxes of said county, for the year 1801, and also against James Brown and Elizabeth Devorix, (administratrix of William H. Devorix,) as securities of Richard E. Harrison, late collector of taxes for said county for the years 1802 and 1803 respectively; and it appears that part of the sum of money for which said judgments have been rendered, is claimed to be due on account of monies levied for keeping in repair the public roads in said county for the years aforesaid; and it appearing doubtful whether the whole of said sums of money are justly due:—Therefore,

Resolved, That the aforesaid James Hall, Anna Hackett, James Brown, Elizabeth Devorix and Robert Carson be, and they are hereby exonerated and discharged from the payment of such part of the said judgments respectively, as arise upon money stated to be due for levies for the repair of any roads where they shall make it appear to the levy court of said county, by sufficient testimony, that any work had been done upon said road, by the supervisor for the same, during the year which said money was to have been applied

Resolved, That all proceedings against the parties or either of them on said judgments be stayed until the first day of June next. All which is submitted.

By order,

S. BRADFORD, Clk.

Which was read.