

The Petition of Captain *Richard Pearis* read the second Time.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Cresap*, Mr. *Wolstenholme*, Mr. *Jenings*, Mr. *Ware*, and Mr. *Grahame*, be a Committee to state the Facts arising on said Petition, and report the same.

The House adjourns till To-Morrow Morning IX o'Clock.

F R I D A Y, JUNE 10.

THE House met according to Adjournment. The Members were called, and all appeared as on Yesterday, except Mr. *T. Dashiell*. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

RESOLVED, That the Committee of Accounts receive no Claims against the Province, after Monday next, and that they close the Journal to that Day.

Mr. *Hanson* brought in, and delivered to Mr. Speaker, the following Report :

By the COMMITTEE appointed to enquire into the Truth of the Facts contained in the Petition of the Reverend Mr. JOHN M'PHERSON, of CHARLES County.

YOUR Committee, from their own Knowledge, and the Information they have been able to get, do find, that the Principal Facts contained in the said Petition, are true, viz. That the said *John M'Pherston* is, and hath been, for some Time, confined in said County Jail : That he is very largely indebted to a Number of Persons, (the Particulars of which your Committee are not informed of) so as that there is no Probability of his being able to extricate himself, without the Aid and Assistance of the Legislature ; and that the yearly Income of the said *John M'Pherston*, arising from the 30 per Poll, may be about Twenty-six Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, almost the whole of which is paid in Tobacco. Your Committee have also been informed, that there is about the Quantity of One Hundred and Fifty Acres of Glebe-Land, with some Improvements thereon, (which now rents for Ten Pounds Currency a-Year) and about Thirteen or Fourteen working Negroes, and Six or Eight Negro Children, belonging to the Incumbent of said Parish, for the Time being : That the said *John M'Pherston* has also a Lease, for one Life only, of a Parcel of valuable Land, lying in the County aforesaid, containing about One Hundred and Fifty Acres ; but your Committee are informed, and believe it to be true, that there is a Mortgage, which was made about Two Years ago, upon the said leased Land, and also upon the Negroes belonging to the Glebe, to Mr. *Thomas Contee*, for the Payment of a considerable Debt, due to the said Mr. *Contee* ; but your Committee are not informed how much, with Regard to the *Cudbear Works*, in *Scotland*, Your Committee have not been able to get any Information relative to these Works, that can be depended on ; but beg Leave to suggest to this Honourable House, that the same may be conveyed to Trustees, for the Benefit of the Creditors, should an Act pass for the Relief of the Petitioner. All which is submitted to the Consideration of the Honourable House. Signed by Order, EDWARD FORD, Clk.

Mr. *Allen* brought in, and delivered to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Joseph Scott, of Worcester County* : Which was read the First Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Johnson* brought in, and delivered to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the Obstruction of the Navigation in the River Patowmack* : Which was read the First Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *J. Dashiell* brought in, and delivered to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Justices of Somerset and Worcester Counties, to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of Stepney Parish, in Somerset and Worcester Counties, the Quantity of One Hundred and Sixty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for the Uses therein mentioned* : Which was read the First Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

On reading the Second Time, the Bill, entitled, *An Act for lengthening the Time of inspecting Tobacco in Frederick County* : ORDERED, That the same be committed for Amendments.

On reading the second Time, the Bill, entitled, *An Act for erecting a Court-House and Public Prison, for Baltimore County, in the Town of Baltimore, and for making Sale of the old Court-House and Prison* ; the Question was put, Whether the said Bill do pass ? Resolved in the Affirmative.

For the A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	{	Wolstenholme,	Parran,	Dickinson,	Adair,	Wright,
		Eden,	Gantt,	Goldborough,	Veazy,	Allen,
		Key,	Grahame,	M. Tilghman,	Ward,	Selby,
		Ringgold,	Hanson,	N. Thomas,	Baxter,	Purnell,
		Gresham,	Ware,	Sulivane,	Baker,	J. Dashiell,
		Chase,	Smallwood,	Hooper,	Tyler,	Cresap,
		Worthington,	Harrison,	Steele,	Murdock,	Jenings,
		Johnson,	Hayward,	Ridgely,	Hall,	Luckett,
		Griffith,	Gale,	Moale,	Hollyday,	Chapline.
		Mackall,	Wilson,			

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