

Charles Godfrey's obtaining a patent for the same, the trial of which hath been hitherto postponed for the aforesaid reason of its being alleged to be Indian land; that the said Charles Godfrey, notwithstanding his having entered a caveat, and summoning the said Charles Godfrey to appear upon the same, hath since obtained a patent for the aforesaid seventy acres of land, without his having notice thereof, or ever being heard upon the occasion, from which he is induced to believe, that the said patent was either issued through mistake, or obtained by fraud; therefore praying the general assembly to take his case into consideration, and grant him relief: And

A petition from Robert Richardson, of Talbot county, setting forth, That a considerable time past he became security for a certain Philip Wetherell, in the sum of one hundred and eighty-five pounds sterling, payable to a certain Samuel Shoemaker, of Philadelphia; that after his so entering as security, the bond was put in suit, not only against the principal, but also against him; that before judgment was obtained, the principal died; that since his decease, a certain Thomas Place administered upon his estate, and hath paid away all the personal estate; that since the death of the said Philip Wetherell, judgment has been obtained against him for the said sum of one hundred and eighty-five pounds sterling, and interest thereon, which he has actually paid; that he can have no remedy, other than by a particular act for that purpose, and therefore praying that the house will pass an act to enable him to sell and dispose of the real estate of the said Philip Wetherell, to such amount as to reimburse him the sum he hath advanced; were severally read and ordered to lie on the table,

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

F R I D A Y, February 21, 1777.

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

On reading a second time the memorial of the officers of the artillery companies of this state, **RESOLVED**, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the truth of the facts set forth in the said memorials, and report their opinion thereon; and Mr. Gilpin, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Smith, were elected a committee for that purpose.

On motion, **RESOLVED**, That a committee be appointed to enquire whether Mr. Charles Wallace has complied with his contract for building the stadthouse, to view the state and condition thereof, and report thereon; and Mr. Hall, Mr. Ridgely, and Mr. Ewing, were chosen a committee for that purpose,

On reading a second time the memorial of Thomas Jaram, on motion, the question was put, That he be recommended to the council of safety as a proper person to fill the vacancy of captain in a company of matrosses in the city of Annapolis? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

Messieurs	Read, Jordan, Ford, Lethrbury,	Perkins, Maxwell, Yeates, Stevenson,	R. Bond, Veazy, Gilpin, Ewing,	Gibson, Benson, Kent, Wright,	Bordley, Mitchell, J. Bond,	Smithson, Douglass, Smith.
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N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Tillard, Hammond, Harrison, Turner,	M'Pherson, Ridgely, Shepherd, Bowie,	Craufurd, Magruder, Chaille, Selby,	Edelen, Sheredine, Downes,	Mason, Beall, Schnebely.	Williams, Crabb, Burgess.
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ORDERED, That a message be prepared to the senate, informing them of the determination of this house with respect to Mr. Jaram.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

The message relative to the arrangement of the military officers of this state, was sent to the senate by Mr. Craufurd and Mr. Magruder.

A memorial from the reverend Mr. John Bowie, now under guard, praying to be admitted to bail until the matter in charge against him can be determined, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Downes and Mr. Smithson:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 21, 1777.

May it please your honours,

WE have taken into our consideration the memorial of Thomas Jaram, transmitted from your, to our, house, and are of opinion that Mr. Jaram deserves the attention of the general assembly;