

powered to appoint a discreet person, or persons, to enquire into the state of the sails at the time of the seizure, and the damage done to them thereby; and that, upon an estimate returned from the persons appointed as aforesaid, the governor and the council draw upon either of the treasurers for such sum of money as may be necessary to make compensation for the damage sustained. Sent to the senate for concurrence, by Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Gresham.

Mr. Kent, Mr. Purnell, and Mr. Mitchell, have leave of absence.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill to indemnify certain persons therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Lethbury, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Maddux, do prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill to amend the law to punish forestalling and engrossing, and for other purposes. ORDERED, That Mr. Sheredine, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Henry, do prepare and bring in the same.

Thomas Contee, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to ascertain and establish a divisional line between Anne-Arundel and Calvert counties, thus endorsed; "By the senate, November 29, 1777: Read the first and second time, by an especial order, and will pass. By order, A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolve of this house, on the memorial of Robert Anderson, thus endorsed; "By the senate, Nov. 29: Read and assented to. By order, A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

Communicated to the governor by Mr. Maxwell.

George Plater, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from John Veazey, and Thomas Bracus Veazey, representative of John Veazey, deceased, thus endorsed; "By the senate, Nov. 29, 1777: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates. By order, A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

Which said petition was read, setting forth, That some time in the year 1752, John Terry, of Cecil county, executed a deed of bargain and sale of a tract of land, called the Addition, containing sixty-nine acres, to John Browne, of said county, who neglected to have the said deed recorded in due time; that the said John Terry shortly after died, and Anne, his widow, intermarried with Joseph Briscoe, of Kent county, who by their deed duly executed, conveyed to the said John Browne all the right of Dower of her the said Anne, to the land aforesaid; that the said John Browne, in virtue of the conveyance first aforesaid, entered into the said land, and died seized thereof intestate, leaving a widow, without issue, some time in the year 1764; that after the death of said John Browne, Jane, his widow, and a certain Charles Wilson, administered upon his estate, for whose due administration, John Veazey, the petitioner, and the deceased, in his life-time, became securities; that the said John Browne, in his life-time, was indebted to James Dick, of Anne-Arundel county, in the sum of three hundred and forty-six pounds thirteen shillings sterling, who, after the administration as aforesaid granted, sued the aforesaid Jane and Charles as administrators of the said John Browne, and recovered judgment against them for the sum due, with interest and costs, and by virtue of a *fieri facias* on said judgment, levied and received of the goods and chattels of the said Jane and Charles to the value of twenty-seven pounds sterling, in part of the said judgment; that for the recovery of the residue, the said James Dick sued the first named of the petitioners, and the deceased, in his life-time, on their administration bond, and obtained judgment against them, in the provincial court, for three hundred and seventy pounds ten shillings sterling money, and twenty-three pounds eight shillings currency, costs of suit, which they were obliged to pay; that the said Jane died insolvent, and the said Charles Wilson hath absconded from this state, and hath not since been heard of, not leaving any estate wherewith his debts might be paid; and therefore praying, that a law might pass, directing the deed aforesaid to be recorded, and confirming the title to the said land to the petitioners.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, December 1, 1777.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Kent, Mr. Purnell, and Mr. Mitchell. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. R. Barnes, Mr. H. Wilson, and Mr. J. Barnes, have leave of absence. Mr. J. Hall appeared in the house.

Mr. Sheredine brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to amend the law to punish forestalling and engrossing, and for other purposes, which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The petition of John Veazey, and Thomas Bracus Veazey, representative of John Veazey, deceased, being read a second time, ORDERED, That Mr. Sheredine, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Earle, be a committee to enquire into the facts, and report them to the house.

The memorial of Joseph Ashmead, on behalf of Margaret Cummins, executrix of Robert Cummins, late of Baltimore county, deceased, was read a second time, and referred to the board of auditors, with full power to settle with the memorialist, and to make such further allowance to