

M O N D A Y, December 15, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Magruder, who had leave of absence, and Mr. Bowie, who had not leave. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Ridgely appeared in the house.

Mr. Earle brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: The committee appointed to enquire into the facts set forth in the petition of John Veazey, Esq; and Thomas B. Veazey, beg leave to report, That the said John Veazey, and John Veazey, Esq; father of the above Thomas B. Veazey, became securities for Jane Brown and Charles Wilson, in an administration bond, for the due administration of the estate of John Brown, of Cæcil county, gentleman, deceased, which estate amounted, as appears by two inventories returned into the prerogative-office, to one thousand and thirty-one pounds seventeen shillings and sixpence three-farthings currency; that it also appears, by an account passed the commissary, that the said Jane and Charles had paid away the said estate to the value of five hundred and forty-six pounds ten shillings and eight-pence, and by the receipts of Nathan Hammond, attorney in fact for James Raitt, merchant in London, that they, the said Jane and Charles, paid the sum of one hundred and twenty-eight pounds nineteen shillings and nine-pence sterling, in part for a judgment which had been obtained by the said Raitt against the same John Brown in his life-time; and by a memorandum among the papers relative to the said estate, that the said Jane and Charles paid a further sum of fifty pounds sterling towards discharging said judgment; also the sum of ninety-nine pounds common currency to a certain John Hall, which sums added together make the sum of nine hundred and nine pounds six shillings and three-pence, and leave a balance only of one hundred and twenty-two pounds eleven shillings and three pence three-farthings, gold currency, unaccounted for, and to enable the securities to pay the remainder of the judgment which was recovered by said Raitt against said John Brown in his life-time; and a judgment also obtained by a certain James Dick against the said administrator, on a bond due from the same John Brown and a certain John McDuff, for a large sum of sterling money; that it further appears, by receipts of the same Nathan Hammond, that Messrs. Veazeys paid the sum of one hundred and fifty nine pounds sterling money, in full discharge of the judgment so obtained by James Raitt against the the said John Brown in his life-time, and that they, the said John Veazey, and John Veazey, jun. paid the further sums of three hundred and ninety-seven pounds ten shillings sterling, and twenty-three pounds eight shillings current money towards discharging the judgment aforesaid of the aforesaid James Dick, against Jane Brown and Charles Wilson, the administrators aforesaid, and the costs of suit thereon; that there was a conveyance of part of a tract of land, called the Addition, containing sixty-nine acres, from a certain John Terry, to the aforesaid John Brown, with a receipt for the consideration money, and a proper acknowledgement endorsed thereon, which said deed was neglected to be recorded by the said John Brown, but that he died possessed of the said land, and it now remains in the hands of the said John Veazey, Esq; and Thomas B. Veazey, son of col. John Veazey, deceased, which said land, your committee conceive, ought to be secured to the memorialists to reimburse them the sum of six hundred and seventy-five pounds five shillings, gold currency, which they paid more than they had assets in their hands to pay.

By order of the committee, W. HYDE, cl.

Which was read.

The bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the acts for assessment of property, being read a second time, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

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| | Read, | Worthington, | M'Pherson, | West, | Earle, | Sprigg, |
| | Plowden, | Tillard, | Deye, | Contee, | Edelen, | Burgess, |
| | Lethbrury, | Somerville, | Ridgely, | Brice, | H. Wilson, | Williams, |
| | Maxwell, | Chew, | Stevenson, | Quynn, | Bond, | Crabb, |
| | J. Hall, | Turner, | Ward, | Benson, | A. Hall, | |

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| Messieurs | Fitzhugh, | Strawbridge, | Winder, | Smoot, | Henry, | Smith, |
| | Forbes, | | | | | |

Sent to the senate by Mr. J. Hall and Mr. Lethbrury. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

Mr. Chase and Mr. Maddux appeared in the House. Mr. Semmes has leave of absence.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the articles of confederation and perpetual union, &c. being read, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole; to consider of the same. After some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Fitzhugh from the said committee reported, that they had, according to order, taken into their consideration