

The letter by Samuel Wilson, Esq; was read, and referred to the marine committee.

Thomas Jennings, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Joshua Chilcut, of Caroline county, thus endorsed; "By the senate, November 17, 1778: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

"By the senate, November 19, 1778: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

ORDERED, That Mr. Bayly and Mr. Eccleston be added to the committee appointed to inspect the stadthouse in this city.

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

F R I D A Y, November 20, 1778.

THE house met. All present as on yesterday, except Mr. Crabb, Mr. Cramphin, Mr. Strawbridge, Mr. Fisher, and Mr. Chase. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Thomas Sherwood, a delegate returned for Talbot county, appeared in the house, and after being duly qualified he took his seat.

George Plater, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to enable Cassandra Ducker, widow and executrix of John Ducker, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, to sell and dispose of certain lands and mills therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the senate, November 12, 1778: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

"By the senate, November 19, 1778: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

In the first page, after the words "to be sold" in the eleventh line, insert as follows; "and further set forth." Strike out the words "and the money arising from such sale to be equally divided amongst his five children," in the eleventh and twelfth lines of the same page. Strike out the words after the words "this state" in the eighteenth line of the same page to the end of the clause, and insert the following; "And it appearing to this general assembly, that the allegations of the said Cassandra Ducker are true, and that the said Thomas Watkins hath renounced the execution of the said will, and also that Jeremiah Ducker, the eldest son and heir at law of the said John Ducker, deceased, is willing and desirous that the aforesaid petition be complied with; and it further appearing by the will of the said John Ducker, that he devised that his daughters might live on the said lands until they married, and his youngest son until he arrives at the age of twenty-one years." Insert the word "therefore" between the word "it" and "enacted" in the next clause of the same page. After the word "this," in the twelfth line of the second page, insert the word "state," and strike out the following words in the same line, "or of the United States." After the words "Cassandra Ducker" in the thirteenth line of the second page, strike out all the remaining part of the clause, and insert as follows:

"And be it enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That the interest of the said monies shall be paid to the said Cassandra Ducker, for the use and benefit of the said Cassandra Ducker, and of Elizabeth and Henry Hall Ducker, children of the said John Ducker, deceased, until such times as the said Elizabeth Ducker shall marry, and the said Henry Hall Ducker shall attain his age of twenty-one years, and after these events, the said interest to be for the sole use of the said Cassandra Ducker during her life, and after the death of the said Cassandra Ducker, that then the principal money arising from the sale of the aforesaid premises be paid to the person or persons who shall be entitled to receive the same under the will of the testator.

"And be it further enacted, That the treasurer of this state do, and he is hereby required and authorized, to endorse on the certificate or certificates which he shall deliver for the said principal money, that the sum or sums therein specified are lodged in the treasury in trust, that the interest thereof be paid to Cassandra Ducker, widow of John Ducker, for the use and benefit of her, and of Elizabeth and Henry Hall Ducker, children of the said John Ducker, until such times as the said Elizabeth shall marry, and the said Henry Hall Ducker shall attain the age of twenty-one years, and after those events, the said interest to be for the sole use of the said Cassandra Ducker during her life, and after her death, in trust that the principal money be paid to the person or persons who shall be entitled to receive the same under the will of the said John Ducker, deceased.

"And be it further enacted, That the said Cassandra Ducker shall not be at liberty, or have any power or authority, in any manner to transfer, make over, or dispose of, the said certificate or certificates, or of the monies therein mentioned, or any part thereof, to any person or persons whatever, and that before the said Cassandra Ducker shall sell or dispose of the premises, she shall