

enter into a bond or obligation to the justices of the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, with such sufficient security as the said justices shall approve, in the penal sum of two thousand pounds current money, conditioned as follows; That if the said Cassandra Ducker shall well and truly lodge in the treasury of this state, all such sums of money as she shall receive on account of the sale of certain lands and mills, late the estate of John Ducker, deceased, within twenty days after she shall receive the same, and which lands and mills are directed to be sold pursuant to an act of assembly of this state, 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, and also shall well and truly comply with, and perform all matters and things in the said act mentioned on her part to be done and performed, then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force."

Which amendments were read and agreed to, and the bill past for engrossing.

Mr. R. Goldsborough from the committee appointed to enquire into the state and condition of the navy of this state, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The petition of sundry sheriffs was read a second time and referred to Mr. Deye, Mr. Stainton, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Bruff, Mr. Burgess, and Mr. Bayly, as a committee to enquire into the truth of the facts therein stated, and make report thereof to the house.

Mr. Bruff brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :

BY the committee appointed to examine and report upon the governor's letter of the 12th of November, relative to Job Garretson and John Botts, and the letter and certificate therewith transmitted, having taken the same under their consideration, beg leave to report, that the facts stated in the governor's letter aforesaid, and also the letter and certificate of Job Garretson, appear to be well founded.

Your committee are of opinion, that as Job Garretson and the said John Botts have rendered services to the community, they ought to receive an adequate compensation, and that the governor and council should be authorized to draw upon the treasurer of the western shore for a sum not exceeding fifty pounds in favour of the said John Botts, and also a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds in favour of Job Garretson, as a reward for their services. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

NICH. HARWOOD, cl. com.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Gresham brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for preventing excessive and deceitful gaming, and for other purposes therein mentioned, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of the inspectors at George-town warehouse was preferred and read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker several letters and papers from congress, which were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Thomas brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to repeal certain resolutions of conventions, and for other purposes therein mentioned, which was read the first and second time by an especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Mac-cubbin.

On motion, Mr. Bruff and Mr. H. Goldsborough are added to the committee appointed to bring in the bill against engrossing and forestalling, &c.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill to aid and amend the criminal law of this state, and other purposes therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Polk, Mr. Maddux, Mr. Hall, Mr. R. Goldsborough, and Mr. Thomas, do prepare and bring in the same.

A petition of Levin Covington and James Truman, of Prince-George's county, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

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

S A T U R D A Y, November 21, 1778.

THE house met. All present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Sinoat, Mr. Dent, and Mr. Strawbridge, appeared in the house.

A petition of the commissioners of the poor in St. Mary's county, was read and referred to the committee appointed to bring in the supply bill, &c.

The petition of James Truman and Levin Covington was read a second time and referred to Mr. Gantt, Mr. Magruder, and Mr. Thomas, to enquire into the truth of the facts therein contained, and make report thereof to the house.

The engrossed bill No. 5, was read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by Mr. Quynn and Mr. Brice.

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