

SATURDAY, August 7, 1779.

**T**HE house met. Present as on yesterday, except Mr. Bordley. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Eccleston and Mr. Carmichael have leave of absence.

The petition of John Read Magruder was read the second time, and referred to committee No. 5 to report thereon.

An account of John Wolf against Robert Reynolds the serjeant at arms was preferred and read, and referred to committee No. 6 to report thereon.

The petition of Benjamin Cawood, jun. of Charles county, was read the second time and granted.

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

**Y**OUR committee, to whom the petition of Martha Roundel, of Prince-George's county, was referred, beg leave to report, that they have considered the petition of said Martha Roundel, and the vouchers in support of it, and are of opinion, that she is entitled to relief agreeable to the prayer of the petition. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

Signed per order, W. H. M'PHERSON, cl. com.

Which was read and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill agreeable to the prayer of the petition.

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

**T**HE committee appointed to enquire into the facts stated in the petition of Edmund Brice, beg leave to report, that the material facts set forth in the said petition are true, and that due notice has been given in the Maryland gazette and Annapolis advertiser, and at the court-house of Anne-Arundel county, of his intended application for redress.

Your committee are of opinion, that the petitioner is entitled to redress according to the prayer of his petition.

Signed per order, JOHN CALLAHAN, cl. com.

Which was read and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant to the prayer of the said petition.

A bill, entitled, An act to direct the recording of a deed to John Brice, was read a first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Lethrbury and Mr. Keene.

Mr. Lloyd brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the three following reports, viz.

By the **COMMITTEE** to whom was referred the petition of John Read Magruder.

**Y**OUR committee beg leave to report, that the facts set forth in the said petition appear to them to be true, and are of opinion, that an act should pass agreeable to the prayer of the said petition.

Signed by order, JOHN CALLAHAN, cl. com.

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By the **COMMITTEE** to whom was referred the petition of James O'Hara.

**Y**OUR committee beg leave to report, that the facts stated in the said petition appear to them to be true, and are of opinion that the petitioner is entitled to relief. They submit it to the wisdom of the honourable house, whether it would not be proper to vest a discretionary power in the governor and council to give such relief in this and all similar cases as they in their wisdom may think best, and that they be empowered to draw on the treasury for that purpose. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

Signed per order, W. H. M'PHERSON, cl. com.

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**Y**OUR committee, to whom the petition of Elizabeth Aldern, Mordecai Skinner, Elizabeth Denny, Foster Maynard, William Norwood, and Thomas Rigby, of Talbot county, and the counter petition of Thomas Rigby and Moses Rigby, of said county, were referred, having taken into their consideration the facts stated in the said petitions, beg leave to report their opinion, that the facts stated in the first mentioned petition are true, and that the prayer of said petition ought to be granted, on commissioners being appointed and they viewing and laying out said road, and assessing the damages which will arise to those through whose lands the said road shall be laid. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

Signed by order, JOHN CALLAHAN, cl. com.

The report upon the petition of John Read Magruder was read and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill agreeable to the prayer of the said petition.

The report upon the petition of James O'Hara was read and concurred with, and **RESOLVED**, That a discretionary power be vested in the governor and council to grant such relief to James O'Hara as they may think proper, and that they be empowered to draw on the treasurer for that purpose.