

By the COMMITTEE appointed to enquire into and report on the facts contained in the petition of John Webster, of Prince-George's county.

YOUR committee find a deed of bargain and sale from Mary Athey, to the said John Webster, duly executed, but not recorded, as set forth in his petition. The several facts thereof appearing to be true, your committee are of opinion, that he is justly entitled to the aid of the legislature, as prayed for. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

Signed per order,

A. GOLDER, cl. com.

Which was read.

The petition of Deborah Wilkins was read the second time and referred to Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Worthington, and Mr. Quynn, who are appointed a committee to consider and report thereon.

Mr. B. Hall has leave of absence until Monday morning.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act for the seizure and confiscation of British property, endorsed; "By the senate, April 4, 1780: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, April 14, 1780: Read the second time and will not pass.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

The order of the day, that the house will go into a first reading of the bill for the inspection of tobacco, is further postponed till Tuesday next.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the relief of Henry Griffith, endorsed; "By the senate, April 15, 1780: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

The house adjourns till Monday morning half past 8 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, April 17, 1780.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Smoot and Mr. B. Hall. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Dennis and Mr. B. Hall appeared in the house.

A letter of resignation from Mr. Hugh M^cBryde, one of the delegates for Caroline county, was laid before the house and read, and thereupon ORDERED, That the speaker issue his warrant to the sheriff of Caroline county, for the election of a delegate in the room of the said Hugh M^cBryde; which issued accordingly, returnable on or before the first day of June next.

A petition of Robertson Stevens, late sheriff of Dorchester county, setting forth, That by the uncommon severity of the weather he was prevented from making his collection of the assessment in time, and therefore praying to be relieved from the penalties incurred in consequence thereof, was preferred and read.

Mr. Ringgold brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to prohibit the going at large swine and geese in Queen's-town, in Queen-Anne's county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to revive the proceedings of Calvert county court. ORDERED, That Mr. Fitzhugh and Mr. Smith do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. M^cMechen brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee appointed to examine and report on the petition of Mary Cox, beg leave to report, That they have examined the facts in the said petition contained, and find them to be justly stated, and are of opinion, that the families of those officers and privates in the militia, who have or may be killed or die of their wounds in the actual service of their country, ought to receive such support as their particular circumstances shall appear to the orphans court to merit, which said court ought to be empowered to give an order, from time to time, on the sheriff of the county, in favour of such family, for such sums of money as they may think just and necessary for the support of such family; and where it shall be made appear to the commissioners of the tax, that such estates cannot be taxed without greatly distressing the said families, that in every such case the said commissioners ought to have power to exempt such estates from being taxed. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

Signed per order com.

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on the militia bill.

The report on the petition of John Webster was read the second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill agreeable to the prayer of his petition.

Joseph Sim, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition of Samuel and Bennett Chew, setting forth, That they are seized of a tract of land in Washington county, called Chew's farm,