

## P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met. Mr. Freeland appeared in the house.

A petition from Thomas Harwood, sheriff and collector of Anne-Arundel county, praying to be relieved from the penalty incurred by his not paying into the treasury the amount of his collection within the time prescribed by law, was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Hall, Mr. Job, Mr. Worthington, Mr. Quynn, Mr. Dashiell, and Mr. Giles, to consider and report thereon.

A memorial from Aquila Giles, setting forth, that he joined the army in 1775 as a volunteer, and served until 1777, when he was appointed aid de camp to major-general St. Clair, and received a major's commission from congress; that he has always been considered as an officer belonging to this state; that he applied to the commissioner to settle his account for depreciation, which he refused, and praying that the commissioner may be directed to settle with him, and to be allowed every other emolument that officers of the state of Maryland are entitled to receive; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. W. Steventon, Mr. Brogden, Mr. Lethbury, Mr. Cadwalader, and Mr. Freeland, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to raise two troops of horse in Charles county, was read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

William Hemsley, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a representation from the commissioners of the tax for St. Mary's county, setting forth, that in consequence of the ravages of the enemy, many of the inhabitants of said county are rendered incapable of paying their taxes; that the collector has not been able to make his collection for that reason, and therefore recommending them to the notice of the general assembly; a petition from Henry Rozer, setting forth, that his son Notley Rozer went to Great-Britain in the year 1774, and there married; that he intended to return immediately thereafter and settle in his native country, but was prevented by some unexpected events; that he is apprehensive his said son is on his passage to or now in the city of New-York, on his return to this state; that he is informed the legislature is about passing a law preventing any person coming through the enemy's lines, and praying his son may not be included in the general prohibition, having always manifested himself a friend to his native country, severally endorsed; "By the senate, June 8, 1781: Read and referred to the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which were read.

John Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from John Anderton, of Dorchester county, setting forth, that Lancelot Lee, late of this state, deceased, in the year 1769, conveyed by deed to James Russell, merchant in London, a tract of land in Dorchester county, as security for the payment of a sum of money; that the said James Russell passed his bond, obliging himself to sell the land mentioned in the deed for payment of the debt, and to return any money which should remain to the said Lancelot; that soon after passing the bond aforesaid, the said Lancelot left America, with intention of trading in the East-Indies, taking with him considerable property, and dying on his passage, all his effects were delivered to the said James Russell, which, together with the rents of the land, he has reason to believe were more than sufficient to discharge the debt; that the commissioners for the preservation of confiscated British property have taken possession of the aforesaid land, conceiving it to be the property of the said James Russell; that the petitioner intermarried with the only sister and heir at law to the aforesaid Lancelot Lee, and praying the general assembly to empower the said commissioners to examine his case and grant him relief; endorsed; "By the senate, June 8, 1781: Read and referred to the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was read.

The petition from George and Mary Fitzhugh was read the first time.

RESOLVED, That no loans of tobacco to this state be hereafter received by the treasurers, or any other person appointed to take and receive the same, any law or resolution to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sent to the senate by Mr. T. Gantt and Mr. Freeland.

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the said resolve, endorsed; "By the senate, June 8, 1781: Read and assented to.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Mr. Fitzhugh has leave of absence. Mr. E. Johnson has leave of absence until Wednesday next.

The bill to direct the granting letters testamentary, &c. was read the second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Dashiell and Mr. Shaw.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to regulate auctions in Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county. ORDERED, That Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Quynn, and Mr. Ridgely, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

Mr. Ridgely