

aforesaid sum of £. 55,000 0 0, that then they should be at liberty to parcel out and sell the same in such manner as may appear to them most advantageous to the state.

All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

A letter from the commissioners of the tax for Talbot county was laid before the house and read, and referred to the committee appointed to enquire into and report the state of the public taxes.

The report from the committee appointed on the representation from the commissioners appointed to preserve confiscated British property, was read the second time and not concurred with.

RESOLVED, That the commissioners for the sale of confiscated British property be requested to postpone, at this time, the sale of the property, real and personal, formerly belonging to the company called the Nottingham company.

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

T U E S D A Y, November 27, 1781.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Tait. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

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

THE committee, to whom was referred the petition of Susannah Fritchie, Elizabeth Plegher, and Eleanor Shuman, widows of Casper Fritchie, Yost Plegher, and Peter Shuman, who were lately executed at Frederick-town, in Frederick county, for high treason, on behalf of themselves and children, beg leave to report, That by the certificate of Upton Sheredine, William Murdock Beall, and Philip Thomas, Esquires, it appears, that the widows and children aforesaid will be in a helpless and distressed situation, by the confiscation and sale of the property they are now in possession of; which your committee, upon enquiry, are informed, that Casper Fritchie's property consisted only of a house and lot in Frederick-town, some household furniture, skimmers tools, and a small quantity of skins, and that he left three small children; that Peter Shuman has left a large family of small children, that his estate consists only of a very small quantity of land in Frederick county, a stock of creatures, and some household furniture, &c. that Yost Plegher left three small children, that his estate consisted only of some household furniture, joiners tools, and a cow. By the above state of facts it appears, that the estates aforesaid are barely sufficient to support the widows and children aforesaid; the committee are therefore of opinion, that, on the principles of humanity, the estates ought to be released. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

G. RANKEN, clk.

Which was read.

The resolve respecting the property of the Nottingham company was sent to the senate by Mr. Shriver and Mr. Duvall.

ORDERED, That the petition of Elizabeth Stainton and Margaret Campbell be referred to the committee appointed to report the proceedings of the commissioners on British property.

In conformity to the order of Saturday, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Esq; one of the delegates to congress, attended the house, and after having given them what information he could with respect to the several matters for which he attended, withdrew.

Mr. Brogden appeared in the house.

Benedict Edward Hall, Esq; from the senate, deliver to Mr. Speaker the following message :

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 27, 1781.

GENTLEMEN,

WE are not satisfied of the propriety of postponing the sale of the property formerly belonging to the Nottingham company, according to your resolve of yesterday. We conceive, that very injurious consequences to the public credit will attend this measure. It is our opinion, that the sale ought to be made as soon as possible, in the manner suggested by the commissioners, which will be most advantageous to the state, and will at the same time preserve the public faith, which we apprehend may be endangered by the delay. We are not informed of the reasons which induced you to postpone the sale indefinitely, we therefore wish to confer with you on this subject, that some mode for managing the business, in a manner satisfactory to both houses, may be adopted, unless you should concur with us in opinion, that it will redound most to the benefit of the public to sell the property in question on the terms and in the manner proposed by the commissioners, in which case a short act may this day be passed for the purpose.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

Which was read, and the following message, in answer, sent to the senate by Mr. Quynn and Mr. Seney.

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