

YOUR conferrees, having taken into consideration the subject matter of the conference, are of opinion, that the commissioners for the sale of British property be directed to lay out the landed property of the iron works, late belonging to James Russell and company, into small farms or parcels of land, and sell the same, and the remaining part of the property belonging to the said works, in such manner as in their opinions will be most productive on the sale, reserving to the forges as much of the Long Calm and land as may be necessary to carry on the said forges, and laying out the residue of the stream into as many mill seats as may be, with a proper quantity of land on each side of the water; and that an act for the purpose be passed as speedily as possible.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Shriver has leave of absence.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from John Orr, praying the general assembly to pass an act, directing the register of the land-office to issue patent on a certificate for a tract of land called Orr's Range; and an application from the commissioners appointed to preserve confiscated British property, requesting the general assembly to give directions as to the receiving the bills of credit of the last emission in payment for sales; severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 3, 1781: Read and referred to the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Mr. Wright, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-two.

The report from the conferrees was read the second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Jenifer, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Hall, do prepare and bring in the same.

The petition of John Orr; the application from the commissioners appointed to preserve confiscated British property; and the petition of William Lavelly; were read.

The memorial of Stephen Steward and son was read, and such part thereof as relates to their claim against the public referred to the auditor-general to adjust, and such part as relates to the building of a galley, referred to Mr. Forrest, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Sprigg, to consider and report thereon.

On hearing and considering the excuse offered by Mr. Samuel Worthington, for not returning agreeable to leave of absence, the house accepted thereof.

Mr. Plowden has leave of absence till to-morrow week.

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

T U E S D A Y, December 4, 1781.

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

Petitions from sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel and Montgomery counties, praying that the petition of Dr. Ephraim Howard, for opening a new road, referred from the last session, may be rejected, were laid before the house.

On motion, the question was put, That the commissioners to preserve confiscated British property, and the treasurer of the western shore, be authorized and directed to receive the bills of credit of the last emission at par with specie, in payment for any confiscated British property; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to the contract for and sale of Whetstone-point? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Thomas appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	Forrest,	Stone,	Hawkins,	Chase,	Duvall,	Sprigg,
	Chew,	Ridgely,	Duckett,	Quynn,	Wilson,	Chapline,
	Dent,	Job,	Seney,	Morris,	Stull,	Bayly.
	Jenifer,	Brevard,	Coursey,	Beatty,		

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Thomas,	Hall,	S. Worthington,	Eccleston,	Rowland,	Smithson,
	Mills,	B. Worthington,	Maynadier,	Kirkman,	Kent,	Burges,
	Tilden,	Brogden,	Hindman,	Miller,	Wright,	Griffith.
	N. Worthington,					

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That Mr. Coursey be added to the committee on the petition of Robert Long.

A petition from the vestrymen and churchwardens of Great Choptank parish, in Dorchester county, praying the general assembly to pass an act for the support of religion, agreeable to the declaration of rights, was preferred and read.

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ORDERED,