

S A T U R D A Y, December 15, 1781.

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

A letter of excuse from Mr. Howard, for not returning according to leave, was laid before the house, read, and accepted.

The bill for vesting an estate for life in Daniel Heester the younger, and an estate in fee simple in Rosannah his wife, &c. was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Duvall has leave of absence for ten days.

The petition of sundry inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county was read, and referred to the next session of assembly.

The petition of Charles Ridgely, son of John, was read, and referred to Mr. B. T. B. Worthington, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Mechen, to consider and report thereon.

A petition of Jacques Baques, on behalf of himself and other officers of artillery, praying to be allowed for depreciation while in the service of this state, was preferred and read, and referred to the committee appointed to enquire into the conduct of the commissioner appointed to adjust the accounts of the troops of this state, &c.

Mr. Sprigg, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee, appointed to enquire into and report the proceedings of the commissioners appointed to preserve confiscated British property, &c. beg leave to report,

That they have examined the proceedings of the said commissioners, and find, that the sales made by them are as follow, to wit: For specie, to the amount of two thousand nine hundred and thirty-one pounds fourteen shilling and nine pence three farthings; for red money, according to the most accurate calculation that can now be made, to the sum of one hundred and thirty-three thousand six hundred and thirty-nine pounds ten shillings; for specie (or continental state money to that value) to the sum of one thousand five hundred and forty pounds, making in the whole one hundred and thirty-eight thousand one hundred and eleven pounds four shillings and nine-pence three farthings.

That upon examination of the returns of the property discovered in the several counties, and remaining with the commissioners, your committee are of opinion, that the probable amount of the whole of the property, if what remains bears a proportion to that already disposed of, will be about three hundred thousand pounds.

That the expence of commissioners and their clerk, since their appointments, until the first day of December, amounts to the sum of two thousand three hundred and thirteen pounds ten shillings; that the charges of auctioneers, surveyors, chain carriers, and other incidental expences, amount to the further sum of nine hundred and three pounds four shillings and nine-pence; in all, three thousand two hundred and sixteen pounds fourteen shillings and seven-pence.

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

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Mr. William Stevenson, a delegate returned for Kent county, appeared, and after qualifying in the usual manner, took his seat in the house.

The bill for vesting an estate for life in Daniel Heester, &c. was read the second time by special order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Norris and Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Quynn, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee, to whom the petition of sundry inhabitants of Cæcil county, relative to their claim or possession of Talbot's Manor, was referred, beg leave to report, that they have enquired into the merits of the claim or possession, and find,

1. That on the 11th of June, 1680, Charles Lord Baltimore, by his letters patent, in consideration that his cousin, George Talbot, Esquire, of the kingdom of Ireland, had undertaken, at his expence, to import into this state 640 persons, and for other considerations, did grant unto the said George Talbot, and his heirs, in fee, 32000 acres of land, by the name of Susquehanna Manors.

2. That on the 22d of March, 1683, the same Charles Lord Baltimore, by his letters patent, reciting the former grant, and that the said George Talbot had transported about 60 persons into the state, and that 13920 pounds of tobacco were accepted in lieu of the 580 persons remaining to be transported, did grant and confirm unto the said George Talbot, Esquire, and his heirs, the said 32000 acres of land, by the name of Susquehanna, alias New Connought Manor, lying in Cæcil county, with a reservation of the yearly rent of £. 32 sterling, and a proviso, that grants of land before made, within the bounds of the said manor, should remain good to the person or persons, he or they paying unto the said George Talbot the rent reserved.

3. That on the 20th of October, 1684, the said George Talbot, at Calvert county, in this state, killed a certain Christopher Rousby, Esquire; and on the 19th day of April, 1686, the said George Talbot was indicted before the general court of the colony of Virginia, for stabbing the said Rousby, contrary to the statute in such case provided, and on trial was found guilty, and condemned