

M O N D A Y, January 7, 1782.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. Mr. Bowie appeared in the house. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

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

THE committee, to whom was referred the petition of Martin Bulger, beg leave to report, that they have examined the allegations set forth in the said petition, and find them truly stated, and are of opinion, that the prayer of the said petition ought to be granted, upon the usual terms that insolvent debtors have been heretofore released by act of assembly. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

ORDERED, That the petition of Areamah Kennedy, and the petition of major John Lynch, be referred to the committee appointed to report the proceedings of the commissioners on British property.

The bill for holding special elections in Cæcil county, &c. was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Howard appeared in the house.

John Smith, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from William, Mauldin, and Mordecai Amos, Samuel Caldwell, Daniel Smithson, James and William Jenkins, praying that a legal title may be made to them to certain lands in Harford county, which they formerly contracted for with persons who are now British subjects; a petition from George Vanfant Mann, setting forth, that he has been confined near twelve months, without being made acquainted with the crimes imputed to him, and praying to be released; and a petition from Anne Tilly, setting forth, that her negroes went to the enemy, and soon after she was plundered by a party of continental troops, and praying relief; severally endorsed; "By the senate, January 7, 1782: Read and referred to the house of delegates.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

On the second reading of the bill to appropriate certain lands to the officers and soldiers of this state, &c. the question was put, That the sum to be paid for vacant lands be two shillings and six-pence per acre? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Wilson appeared as follow:

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

Messrs.	Ridgely,	Miller,	Chafe,	Duvall,	Norris,	Bayly,
	S. Worthington,	Bowie,	Quynn,	Taylor,	Wilson,	Oneale.
	Job,	Hawkins,	Beatty,			

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Forrest,	Cadwalader,	N. Worthington,	Chew,	Hindman,	Sprigg,
	Thomas,	Lloyd,	Hall,	Jenifer,	Kent,	Burges,
	Plowden,	Stevenson,	B. Worthington,	Stone,	Courfey,	Griffith.
	Mills,	Tilden,	Brogden,	Howard,	M'Mechen,	

So it was determined in the negative.

The question was then put on seven shillings and six-pence. The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Chew appeared as follow:

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

Mes.	Forrest,	Plowden,	Cadwalader,	Stevenson,	Howard,	Courfey,
	Thomas,	Mills,	Lloyd,	Chew,	Hindman,	Sprigg.

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Tilden,	Jenifer,	Miller,	Chafe,	Taylor,	Burges,
	N. Worthington,	Stone,	Bowie,	Quynn,	Norris,	Griffith,
	Hall,	Ridgely,	Hawkins,	Beatty,	M'Mechen,	Bayly,
	B. Worthington,	S. Worthington,	Kent,	Duvall,	Wilson,	Oneale.
	Brogden,	Job,				

So it was determined in the negative.

The question was put on five shillings. Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the following be inserted in the said bill? "Such a sum per acre as the same would sell for, to be ascertained by two reputable freeholders (on oath) to be appointed by the governor and council for that purpose, they having regard to the expences attending the taking up such lands." The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale appeared as follow:

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