

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for securing British debts, and to indemnify the creditors of persons residing in Great-Britain. ORDERED, That Mr. Thomas, Mr. Stone, and Mr. Forrest, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

On motion, the question was put, That the commissioners for forfeited estates be directed to make no further sales, in pursuance of an act, entitled, An act to raise recruits, until the general assembly shall take order therein? Determined in the negative.

An abridgment of the proceedings of the commissioners of Dorchester county, was referred to Mr. Eccleston, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Jenifer, to consider and report thereon.

The petition from Martin Harry, of Frederick county, was read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Anne Rorer and Isaac Baughtle.

The engrossed bill No. 1, was read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by Mr. Thomas and Mr. Waggaman.

John Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from William Chapman, praying an act may pass for recording and giving effect to a deed of bargain and sale from Sarah and Thomas Gassaway, executrix and executor of John Gassaway, to his father William Chapman, late of Anne-Arundel county; a petition from George Brown, setting forth, that he has a plantation about one mile from the line that divides Somerset and Worcester counties, and that a certain Matthias Miles has a tract of land between his and the county road, and praying an act to empower him to clear a road from his plantation to the county road aforesaid; and a representation from Thomas Contee, setting forth, that he was agent for William and Robert Molleson, of London, merchants, and thereby made himself liable to pay considerable sums of money for the said William and Robert Molleson, and praying a law may be enacted to enable him to collect the debts due to the said William and Robert Molleson, to enable him to pay the debts due from him on account of the said William and Robert Molleson; severally endorsed; "By the senate, May 11, 1782: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates."

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which were read.

The petition from sundry inhabitants of St. Mary's county, was read the second time, and referred to Mr. Hall, Mr. Eccleston, Mr. Stone, and Mr. Jenifer, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Beatty has leave of absence till Thursday next.

A petition from George Truitt, setting forth, that from his lenity to the people of Worcester county, he delayed executing in time according to law, and praying to be enabled to execute for the same, was preferred and read.

Mr. Smithson appeared in the house.

ORDERED, That Mr. Beall and Mr. Kent be added to the committee appointed on John Lyon's petition.

ORDERED, That Mr. Joseph Dashiell, Mr. Forrest, Mr. B. T. B. Worthington, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hindman, and Mr. Waggaman, be a committee to enquire into the late expedition down the Chesapeake, under commodore Grafon, and report the probable cause why it did not prove successful.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, May 13, 1782.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Beatty, Mr. Bowie, and Mr. Duckett. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

A petition from Charles Gough, of St. Mary's county, praying to be allowed for the depreciation of his pay while in service, was preferred and read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of James Fernandes.

A petition from Thomas Newman, of Somerset county, setting forth, that being intoxicated, he committed an assault on a certain Mr. Hyland of said county, for which he was presented and fined by the court seventy-five pounds specie, and praying a mitigation of said fine, was preferred and read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill relating to forfeited recognizances, judgments in treason, and fines imposed by militia courts-martial. ORDERED, That Mr. Waggaman, Mr. Chafe, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Stone, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

ORDERED, That a message be prepared to the senate, proposing a conference on the measures to be adopted for the defence of the bay, regulations respecting the land-office, and the other subjects