

ORDERED, That Mr. Lloyd be added to the committee appointed to consider and report on the abridgment of the proceedings of the commissioners of Dorchester county.

ORDERED, That the petition of John Galloway, referred from the last to the present session, be referred to Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Stull, Mr. Jenifer, Mr. Chapline, and Mr. Bayly, to consider and report thereon.

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

T U E S D A Y, May 14, 1782.

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

A petition from the justices of Somerset county, praying an act may pass, empowering them to assess on the inhabitants of said county, a sum sufficient for the purpose of building a new gaol, and to vest them with power to sell the old one and the ground whereon it stands, and to purchase other ground in some contiguous place, if it shall appear to them to be equally advantageous, was preferred and read the first and second time and granted, and leave given to bring in a bill agreeable to the prayer thereof. ORDERED, That Mr. Winder, Mr. Waggaman, and Mr. M'Mechen, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

A memorial from Thomas Price, of Frederick county, praying to be allowed the depreciation of his pay while in service, was preferred and read, and referred to the committee on the petition of James Fernandes.

The report on the petition of John Briscoe, was read the second time and concurred with.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the abridgment of the proceedings of the commissioners of the tax for Dorchester county, beg leave to report, that your committee have carefully perused the said abridgment, and are of opinion, for the reasons set forth in the preamble to the same, that a law ought to pass to make good and valid the proceedings of the said commissioners, and to empower them to appoint certain days for hearing and determining appeals, and to prolong the time for the collection of the taxes in the said county. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and committed for amendment.

A petition from Hannah Bacon, setting forth, that she is in possession of a tract of land in Worcester county, the title of which was formerly vested in a certain John Worthy, who left this country and went to Britain; that some time after his arrival there, a certain Anthony Bacon, brother to her husband William Bacon, purchased the said lands of the said Worthy; that after said purchase, the said Bacon sent a power of attorney to this country, empowering certain persons to convey the said lands, in fee, to a certain Henry Lowes, sen. of Somerset county, and that the said Lowes should make sale thereof for the use of the said Anthony Bacon, but before any sale could be made thereon, the aforesaid William Bacon, her husband, at the request of the said Anthony Bacon, and under faith and confidence of a promise from the said Anthony Bacon, that he would give him the aforesaid lands, came into this country about twenty years ago, and settled on the lands; that he brought with him a letter from the aforesaid Anthony Bacon to the aforesaid Lowes, directing him to convey the said lands to the said William Bacon, her husband, but unhappily for him, he found the said Henry Lowes in a state of insanity, which rendered him incapable of business, and since his death his son and heir at law, Henry Lowes, jun. to avoid being encumbered with the payment of the rents, reconveyed the aforesaid lands to the aforesaid Anthony Bacon; that some years after, the aforesaid William Bacon, being in England, his said brother Anthony Bacon, shewed him his last will and testament, wherein the said Anthony Bacon had devised the said lands to the said William Bacon and his heirs, and praying to be granted relief in the premises aforesaid, was preferred and read.

ORDERED, That Mr. Stone, Mr. Beall, and Mr. Lloyd, be a committee to enquire into and report the state of the prisoners in Frederick county.

James M'Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a memorial from the merchants and traders of Baltimore-town, praying a repeal of the assessment law respecting the taxation of ships or other vessels, their tackle, apparel, and furniture, &c. a petition from William Winder, and a petition from sundry inhabitants of Worcester county, respecting the lands of Wicomico manor, confiscated as British property; severally endorsed; "By the senate, May 14, 1782: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.