

the laws of this state; that in the year 1780, he tendered Archibald Pattison, for the use of the company aforesaid, the sum of one thousand six hundred and sixty-eight pounds two shillings and six-pence in continental and Maryland bills of credit, issued before the passage of the law, which the said Pattison refused to receive, alleging he had no connection with the Somerset store, where the debt was contracted; that he tendered also the sum of money aforesaid to Mr. Charles Crookshanks, a partner in the said house, and so named in the mortgage, which he refused to receive; that all the debt, except such share as belongs to said Crookshanks, is British property, and liable to confiscation; and praying a law may pass, to revert in him an estate of inheritance in fee in the two tracts of land aforesaid, upon his paying the balance due on said mortgage in specie; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Beall, Mr. Winder, and Mr. Kent, to consider and report thereon.

The representation from Thomas Contee was read the second time, and, with the counter petition thereto, referred to Mr. Morris, Mr. Bowie, Mr. Waggaman, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Jenifer, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Hall appeared in the house.

Benedict Edward Hall, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolves of yesterday, sent up by Mr. B. Worthington and Mr. Chase, endorsed; "By the senate, May 16, 1782: Read and unanimously assented to.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN clk."

Edward Lloyd, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from the visitors of Kent county school, praying a power to enlarge and improve the said school; a petition from James Scott, of Harford county, administrator of Daniel Scott, praying a power to dispose of as much of the real estate of Daniel Scott, deceased, as will discharge his debts, as the personal estate is not sufficient; a petition from William Wright, praying for his right to land taken from him by a late survey of a body of land called Darnall's-camp, confiscated and deemed British property; a petition from Robert Harryman, praying the same; a petition from the relations of Joseph Enfor and sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county; and petitions from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, from sundry other inhabitants of said county, and from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying the legislature to redress the grievances that have taken place under the late tender law; severally endorsed; "By the senate, May 16, 1782: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which were read.

The petitions from Robert Harryman and William Wright, and the counter petitions thereto, were referred to Mr. Wilson, Mr. S. Worthington, and Mr. Howard, to consider and report thereon.

The petition from the relations of Joseph Enfor, was referred to Mr. Taylor, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. S. Worthington, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Richard Sprigg, setting forth, that he is seised of and in an island lying on the eastern shore, opposite the mouth of Patuxent river, containing 700 acres, on which he had settled a number of negroes and stock; that in the year 1776, the council of safety ordered him to remove his negroes and stock, which order he obeyed, by which means he has been deprived of the advantage of said island, and incumbered with the full assessment thereon, and praying he may be discharged from the payment of any assessment for the said island until he can be permitted to make use thereof; was preferred and read.

The report respecting nonjurors was read the second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Forrest, Mr. Morris, Mr. Waggaman, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Jenifer, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

The petition from the visitors of Kent county school was read the second time, granted, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant to the prayer of the petition. ORDERED, That Mr. Kent, Mr. Chase, Mr. Seney, Mr. Courley, and Mr. Winder, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

A petition from Isaac Morsey, praying to be allowed for a sloop and a negro man that were impressed for the use of this state, and taken by the enemy, was preferred and read.

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

THE committee appointed to consider and report upon the petition of John Lyon are of opinion, that he has been at much trouble and some expence in compiling a new treatise of Arithmetic for the use of schools, and are further of opinion, that all attempts to promote literature and useful knowledge ought to receive the countenance and encouragement of the legislature, and that a bill should pass this house, giving the petitioner the sole and exclusive privilege of publishing his treatise, agreeable to the prayer of said petition. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

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