

Margaret and Mary Chew, and their heirs, in joint tenancy, and being so seized the said Bennett died; that he the said Paca intermarried with the said Mary, and had issue the said John Philmont Paca; that the said Mary survived the said Henrietta and Margaret, and is since dead, leaving the said John her heir at law, who is entitled to the said remainder devised as aforesaid, and praying that he might be permitted to purchase the right vested in the state by the confiscation act; a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick and Washington counties, setting forth, that they have discovered a pass over the South mountain, at a place called Charlton's gap, where a good waggon road may be made from Washington county to Baltimore-town, at a small expence, compared with the distance saved and the advantages of a new road in preference to the one now used, through Frederick-town, and praying a law may be passed, empowering commissioners to lay off, ascertain, and open, a main road, from Elizabeth-town, in Washington county, through Charlton's-gap over the South mountain, and from the east side of the said mountain, on as direct a line to Baltimore-town as the nature of the ground will admit; and a memorial from Francis Johnson, on behalf of his two nephews, James and Alexander Edmiston, sons of the reverend William Edmiston, who abandoned his native country, and went to that of the common enemy, under whose protection he still continues, setting forth, that he is informed the estate of the said William Edmiston is liable to confiscation, and praying that the estate of the said William Edmiston may not be confiscated, but vested in trustees, for the use of the said James and Alexander Edmiston, to be held by them in fee, under the same reservations and restrictions under which their father William Edmiston held the same; severally endorsed; "By the senate, May 17, 1782: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

By order, J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

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

By the COMMITTEE, to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of St. Mary's county, respecting the burning of St. Mary's and St. Inge's warehouses, in the said county, by the enemy.

YOUR committee beg leave to report, that they have taken into consideration the contents of the said petition, and are of opinion, that the crop notes for the tobacco burnt in the said warehouses ought to be delivered to the committee of claims, and by them entered upon the journal of accounts, to be discounted at twelve shillings and six-pence current money per centum, agreeable to the law passed last session on a similar occasion. Which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read.

The bill for the erecting a new court-house and gaol in Queen-Anne's county, and for other purposes, was read the second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Kent and Mr. Seney.

On the second reading of the report from the conferrees, the question was put, That the fitting out and providing necessaries for the barges, procuring men and stores, be under the direction of one or more commissioners, to be appointed by the law? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was also put, That all prizes or booty taken by the said barges be divided among the officers and men? Resolved unanimously in the affirmative.

The report being read throughout was concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. Hall, Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. Joseph Dashiell, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Coursey, and Mr. Bayly, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

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

S A T U R D A Y, MAY 18, 1782.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Chew, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Howard, and Mr. Wilson. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The memorial of William Paca, the petition of sundry inhabitants of Frederick and Washington counties, and the memorial of Francis Johnson, were read.

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

THE committee to whom the petition of Martin Harry was referred, beg leave to report, that the facts stated in said petition appear to be true, and that it is the opinion of your committee, that a law ought to pass agreeable to the prayer of said petition. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

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