

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

The memorial of Catherine Woolsey was read the second time and referred to Mr. Forrest, Mr. M'Mechen, and Mr. Hindman, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. S. Worthington has leave of absence till Monday week.

The engrossed bill No. 2, was read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by Mr. S. Worthington and Mr. Waggaman.

The letter to the commanding officer of the French navy at York-town, in Virginia, was read the second time and agreed to.

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

THE committee appointed to take into consideration the petition of Hannah Bacon of Worcester county, beg leave to report, that after considering the facts set forth in said petition, your committee are of opinion, that although, from the nature of the transaction, positive testimony cannot be adduced to all the facts stated in the petition, yet the committee are convinced, that Anthony Bacon did intend to give the lands mentioned in the petition to his brother William Bacon, and that William Bacon came to this country under the impression, and occupied and improved the land with that prospect, and the committee believe, from the deposition of William Allen, that a power of attorney for that purpose was executed by the said Anthony Bacon to Henry Lowes, who was prevented from executing a conveyance by becoming insane; that William Bacon, to secure his title in the lands, went, with the leave of the governor and council, to England in 1780, whence, from circumstances and information, we believe he may shortly return, with all his right to the said land which the said Anthony Bacon could convey to him; that the land is poor, the petitioner a woman with six children; your committee are therefore of opinion, that humanity and equity dictate to the honourable house, to direct the commissioners for the sale and preservation of confiscated British property, to postpone the sale of the said lands until the general assembly shall take order therein. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with, and thereupon

RESOLVED, That the commissioners for the preservation and sale of confiscated British property, be directed to postpone the sale of a tract of land lying in Worcester county, late belonging to Anthony Bacon, until the general assembly shall take order therein.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Dennis and Mr. Morris.

James M'Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to prevent the exportation of bread and flour not merchantable from George-town, in Montgomery county, and for other purposes, endorsed; "By the senate, May 17, 1782: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

" By the senate, May 18, 1782: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

And, a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, endorsed; "By the senate, May 18, 1782: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN clk."

Which was read.

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

THE committee, to whom was referred the memorial of Thomas Contee, late agent and factor for William and Robert Molleson, merchants, London, beg leave to report, that they have taken into consideration the subject matter of the said memorial, together with sundry vouchers relative thereto, and are of opinion, that a law ought to pass, enabling the said Thomas Contee to settle, secure and collect the debts of the said William and Robert Molleson, and that no suits ought to be brought for the recovery of any debt or debts due to the said William and Robert Molleson, before the 30th day of August, 1783, unless the debtor or debtors refuse to settle their account, and give bond with security for the payment thereof to the said Thomas Contee, his executors, administrators, and assigns, or is about to remove out of the state; in which case or cases suits ought to be allowed to be brought. That the said Thomas Contee be empowered first to apply so much of the money, tobacco, or other effects, collected or secured, due to the said William and Robert Molleson as aforesaid, as is necessary to the discharge and payment of all debts and engagements for which the said Thomas Contee, as attorney in fact or agent, is answerable, and the residue (if any) to be paid to the creditors of the said William and Robert Molleson, and any balance, after paying the creditors, as aforesaid, to be paid to the treasurer of the western shore. That the said Thomas Contee ought to be obliged to give bond with security, in the sum of ten thousand pounds current money, to this state, for the faithful execution of the powers given him, and the due application of the monies, tobaccos, and other effects, by him secured or collected.

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