

The bill to punish persons contriving the escapes of prisoners of war, was read the second time and passed unanimously. Sent to the senate by Mr. Stone and Mr. King.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the paper bills No. 2, 3, and 4, severally endorsed; "By the senate, May 22, 1782: The engrossed bill whereof this is the original read and assented to.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN clk."

John Henry and Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquires, from the senate, acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the senate request the attendance of this house in the senate room to see the engrossed bills signed and sealed in the presence of the members of both houses. Mr. Speaker left the chair, and, with the members of this house, went to the senate, and there presented the following engrossed bills to the governor, who signed the same, and affixed the great seal thereto in the presence of the members of both houses.

No. 2. An act for an addition to Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county.

No. 3. An act for the protection of our bay trade, and to defend our citizens exposed to plunder by the enemy's barges.

No. 4. An act for the building a new court-house and gaol in Queen-Anne's county, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Mr. Speaker, with the members, returned and resumed the chair.

ORDERED, That Mr. Morris, Mr. Waggaman, and Mr. Beatty, be added to the committee of grievances.

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

THE committee appointed to report and consider on the petition of William Baker, beg leave to report, that they have enquired into the facts set forth in his petition, and find them to be true, and that the said William Baker has received certificates to the amount of one thousand pounds specie, for money lent the state; and that he lately became a purchaser of British property to the amount of three thousand seven hundred and sixty-three pounds four shillings specie, payable in bills of credit of the last emission at the value at the time of payment; and your committee are of opinion, that the amount of the debt due him from the public, ought to be deducted out of his debt to the state, and that bills of credit of the last emission to the amount of his certificates be destroyed. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Kent, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for founding a college at Chester-town; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

T H U R S D A Y, May 23, 1782.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Dennis. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Howard appeared in the house. Mr. Smithson has leave of absence.

On motion, RESOLVED, That the petition of Rebecca Hanson and Catherine Dulany, referred from the last session to this, be referred to the consideration of the next session of assembly; and that the intendant be requested to report the circumstances of the said petition; and that he enquire and report respecting the claim of dower by Mrs. Dulany.

Mr. Winder, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for building a prison in Somerset county, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill for founding a college at Chester-town, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Kent.

Benedict Edward Hall, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to authorise the commissioners for the preservation and sale of confiscated British property to convey certain lands to William Winder; and the bill declaring, that the causeway leading through Pocomoke swamp to Snow-hill, be repaired and maintained at the charge of Worcester county; severally endorsed;

"By the senate, May 21, 1782: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

"By the senate, May 23, 1782: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which were ordered to be engrossed.

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

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