

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

The house met. Mr. Howard appeared in the house.

The bill to remedy the inconvenience arising to the inhabitants of Cæcil county from the loss of their records, and for other purposes therein mentioned, referred from the last to the present session, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill for building a prison in Somerset county, &c. was read the second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Winder and Mr. Josiah Dashiell.

The report on the petition of Charles and Lilly Blair was read the second time and concurred with, and leave given the petitioners to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

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

T H E committee to whom the petition of William Chapman, and counter petition of Nicholas Gassaway, were referred, beg leave to report, that they find the facts set forth in the petition of William Chapman are true ; also, that it does not appear to your committee, that there was any fraud committed by the widow and eldest son and heir at law, executors of John Gassaway, deceased. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that a law ought to pass agreeable to the prayer of the petition of William Chapman. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

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

F R I D A Y, May 24, 1782.

T H E house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Smithson. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Taylor appeared in the house.

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

T H E committee appointed to consider the petition of sundry of the tenants on Wiccomico manor, beg leave to report, that the said tenants, in consequence of an offer made to them by the proprietor's agents, to have their respective tenements at the rate of twenty-five pounds per hundred acres, a warrant issued on the 4th of October 1771, from the revenue-office to Arnold Elzey, Esq; then surveyor of Somerset county, to lay off for the said tenants, or any of them who chose to become purchasers of the land they then occupied, with liberty to add any adjoining vacancy ; in consequence of which, as many of the petitioners as thought they could add any vacancy, had their respective lands surveyed and the adjoining vacancies added, and their certificates returned by the said surveyor, part of which said certificates are hereunto annexed, reference being thereto had will fully and manifestly appear. Your committee beg leave further to report, sundry of the petitioners did not survey their lands under the aforesaid warrant, alleging that it was needless to run themselves to expence of a survey, as no vacancy was to be added, but always held themselves bound to comply with the terms aforesaid, and should have compounded for their respective lands and tenements, had not the death of the late proprietary prevented it. That from these facts it appears to your committee, that a just and equitable title vested in the petitioners, which would have been carried into full execution, had not the event aforesaid, and the dispute concerning the right of the province, which ensued, prevented it. That in the opinion of your committee, it is but just and reasonable that the petitioners should have it in their power to comply with the terms aforesaid, and for that purpose they report, that the commissioners for the preservation and sale of British property, or any one of them, may be empowered by law to convey to the petitioners, or any one of them, in fee simple, their heirs or assigns, the lands and premises aforesaid, they complying with the terms above specified. Your committee are informed, that the petitioners have ever since the assessment law paid the assessment on their respective lands, until the law passed for the confiscation of British property. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

G. RANKEN, clk.

Which was read.

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

By the **C O M M I T T E E** appointed to consider and report on the petition of Anthony Addison and Eleanor Callis.

Y O U R committee beg leave to report, that they think the petitioners should be relieved by vesting in them the whole, or some part, of the confiscated property of the reverend Henry Addison, their father, which remains unfold and unappropriated. Your committee find, that there has been sold out of the said estate, real property to the amount of £.9,905, and that there remains 230 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of appropriated land unfold. It further appears to your committee, that there

remains