

remains 3,016 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land unappropriated, which they have estimated at £. 5,855, which is now in the possession of the petitioners, on which there are eight negroes from fifty to sixty-eight years of age, nineteen from fourteen to forty, fourteen from one to thirteen years of age, and that there are sundry articles of household furniture, concerning which your committee cannot be particular.

Your committee are informed, that the petitioners are indebted to the amount of £. 581 specie, and 79,000 lb tobacco, and they beg leave to give their opinion to the honourable house, that it is essentially necessary to the well being and comfort of the petitioners, that relief should be specially administered. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M'PERSON, clk.

Which was read.

Whereas the ships *Cormorant* and *Oliver Cromwell*, two vessels of war belonging to the state of Virginia, have been assessed by the assessor of Baltimore-town, contrary to the spirit and intention of the law for the assessment of all property within this state, and bonds taken for the security and payment of the tax arising on the valuation of the same:

RESOLVED, That the bonds aforesaid, taken for the purpose aforesaid, be, and they are hereby declared, void; and that his Excellency governor Lee be requested to inform his Excellency the governor of Virginia, that the conduct of the assessor of Baltimore-town is not authorized by any law of this state, and that directions will be given to prevent any instance of this sort in future, which may tend to the interruption of that harmony which it is the desire of this state may ever subsist between the two governments.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Shriver and Mr. Duvall.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the said resolve, endorsed; "By the senate, May 24, 1782: Read and assented to.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

ORDERED, That Mr. Chase communicate the said resolve to his Excellency the Governor, and request him to acquaint his Excellency the Governor of Virginia therewith.

According to order the house took into consideration the petitions and counter petitions from Baltimore-town and county respecting the market-house, and thereupon determined by ballot, that the market-house should be built on Mr. John Hollyday's lot; and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

ORDERED, That the order of the day respecting the bill to obtain an equal valuation of land, be postponed until to-morrow.

A bill, entitled, An act empowering Martin Harry, administrator of John Waley, to sell and dispose of a certain house and lot in the town of Shipton, in Washington county, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Levin Dashiell, of Somerset county, setting forth, that he had suffered greatly by the enemy, and praying relief, was preferred and read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Herbert Blackstone.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A Supplement to the act to regulate public ferries. ORDERED, That Mr. Thomas, Mr. Jenifer, and Mr. M'Mechen, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

The bill relating to forfeited recognizances, &c. was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Barnes and Mr. Howard.

The following being moved, ORDERED, That it be taken into consideration on Monday next.

Whereas it is found by experience, that the receipt of specifics in discharge of taxes imposes an unequal burthen on the people, and, holding up the idea of a large nominal sum, produces very little into the treasury, from the difference of the sum allowed for the articles and their actual value, and from the enormous waste in the collection: And whereas the superintendent of the finances of the United States has informed this assembly, that he cannot accept wheat or tobacco in lieu of money, and the army cannot be paid, maintained, or supported, by specifics, but only with specie, or what will fully represent it: RESOLVED, That the tax in specie, imposed by the act to raise the supplies for the present year, be reduced, and the time of payment extended, and the receipt of wheat, tobacco, and other specifics, abolished, and that only continental bank notes, and bills of credit issued by this state on indubitable funds, and redeemable at a short period, be received in discharge of the taxes.

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

THE committee, appointed to take into consideration the petition of George Gray, of Charles county, beg leave to report, that your committee, after examining the facts set forth in the said petition, find, that the said George Gray, in the year 1771, was employed by James Jamieson, and Jamieson, Johnston and company, as their agent and attorney in fact, to transact their mercantile business in the state of Maryland. The engagement between these parties would have subsisted at present, but for the intervention of the war. That the balance in favour of