

taxes, and the tenant the other nine tenths. It further appears to your committee, that the commissioners of the tax for the said county afterwards settled a different proportion between the land owner and the tenants, agreeable to which the land owner would pay almost double the tax that the tenants would pay.

It further appears to your committee, that the taxes on all that part of Conococheague manor which still continues under leases for lives and years, at ten and twenty shillings sterling the hundred acres per annum, are (except in a very few instances) higher than the rents paid by the tenants, so that this very valuable estate, on which some of the young children of the late Thomas Kinggold depend for support and education, is actually mouldering away daily; and your committee are of opinion, that justice requires that a law should pass to remedy the evil complained of, and that it should have operation with respect to all taxes laid by the act to raise the supplies, passed at November session one thousand seven hundred and eighty, and all supplementary laws thereto.

Your committee find, by a certificate lodged with them, that the petitioner advertised his intention to make application to the general assembly, in the matter now under consideration, agreeable to law.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee, to whom was referred the petition of George Truit, collector of the tax of Worcester county, beg leave to report, that they are of opinion, that the laws now in force are inadequate to enable the collectors of the tax to execute for any arrearages of tax, after the time of their appointment expires as collectors; and that it is in their opinion highly reasonable, that this general assembly should allow of a summary mode for the collection of such taxes as may be in arrears through the lenity and indulgence of the said collectors, and that a law ought to pass, vesting the said collectors with the same power as they had under the original law for the assessment of property, notwithstanding the time of execution therein hath elapsed. Which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Waggaman, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Hall, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

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

THE committee, to whom was referred the petition of Alexander M^cFadon, beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the several facts set forth in the said petition, and find them to be true, and are of opinion that an act should pass agreeable to the prayer thereof. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDBER, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Hamilton of Prince George's county, beg leave to report, that they have examined the papers referred to them, and do find, that a deed of conveyance from Matthew Sparks, and Margery his wife, to the said John Hamilton, for one hundred acres of land, was legally executed on the fifth day of April 1777; that from the endorsement on the said deed, it appears to have been recorded in one of the land records of the county aforesaid on the 24th day of November 1777, which was not within the time limited by law.

Your committee are informed, that soon after executing the deed, Sparks removed from this state to Carolina, which prevented the petitioner from applying for and obtaining another. It appears to your committee, from the certificates of the printer and clerk of Prince-George's county, that due notice was given by the said Hamilton of his intention of petitioning the general assembly, and as no objection appears to have been made to said petition, your committee are of opinion, that a law should pass making valid the recording of said deed.

All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

According to order, the house took into consideration the bill to obtain an equal valuation of land, &c. and, on the second reading thereof, the question was put, That the following be struck out? "And every person owning or claiming land, or acting as guardian or trustee for any infant owning or claiming land within this state, shall, on or before the fifteenth day of August next, deliver to the commissioners of the tax of the county where such land shall lie, an account of the land, and the name thereof, as expressed in the grant or deed,

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