

they are of opinion the legislature ought to pass a law to indemnify not only the petitioner, but others of the said county, who they apprehend are under similar circumstances. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. McPIERSON, 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. Morris, Mr. Waggaman, and Mr. Jenner, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

A bill, entitled, An act for establishing a new market and building a new market-house in Baltimore-town, and for the regulation of the said market, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Chew and Mr. Bayly appeared in the house.

The bill to remedy the inconvenience arising to the inhabitants of Cæcil county from the loss of their records, and other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Job and Mr. Brevard.

James M^cHenry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to punish persons contriving the escapes of prisoners of war, endorsed, "By the senate, May 22, 1782: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

"By the senate, May 27, 1782: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the 14th line of 1st page, after the word "war," insert, "knowing him to be such."

Strike out from the word "the," in the 3d line of the 2d page, to the word "who," in the 4th line inclusive, and insert, "such sheriff as the court before which such conviction is had shall direct, and such sheriff."

Strike out from the word "whipped" to the word "lashes" inclusive, in the 13th line, and insert, "imprisoned not exceeding twelve months."

After the word "apprehend," in the 7th line from the bottom of 2d page, insert, "any prisoner of war having escaped the custody of the officer who hath charge of him." After the word "and," in same line, insert the words "such prisoner."

After the word "county," in the 4th line from the bottom, insert, "such person, so apprehending and delivering such prisoner of war."

After the word "money," in the 3d line from the bottom, insert, "and one-eighth of a dollar per mile for travelling expences, also five ninetieths of a dollar for the subsistence of each prisoner per day while confined, as directed by the resolution of congress of March 30, 1782."

According to order, the honourable the intendant appeared before the house, and after giving the house the best information he could respecting the amount of sales of British property, an account of the arrears of taxes due to this state, and also an account of the several emissions of money now in circulation, had leave to withdraw.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

The amendments to the bill to punish persons contriving the escapes of prisoners of war, were read and agreed to, except that by which imprisonment is substituted in the place of corporal punishment; and thereupon the following message was prepared, and sent to the senate by Mr. Jenner and Mr. Stone:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MAY 27, 1782.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE have agreed to all your amendments sent down with the bill, entitled, An act to punish persons contriving the escapes of prisoners of war, except that by which imprisonment is substituted in the place of corporal punishment.

We wish your honours to recede from that amendment, as we believe that the shame and disgrace attending whipping, will have a tendency to prevent the commission of this crime, so injurious to the cause of America.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The report on the petition of John Galloway, was read the second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Lloyd Mr. Stall, Mr. Jenner, Mr. Barnes, and Mr. Chapline, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

Daniel Carroll, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition and remonstrance from the possessors of lands within Talbot manor, praying to be secured in the rights of their lands, endorsed; "By the senate, May 27, 1782: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Mr. Forrest,

Which was read.