

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

THE committee appointed to enquire into the facts set forth in the memorial of Catherine Woolley, widow and relict of George Woolley, late of Frederick county, deceased, beg leave to report, that they find the same truly stated, as follows, to wit; that the said Catherine Woolley was entitled to the real and personal property therein mentioned, that the same was conveyed in trust for the purposes therein declared, and that in the year 1773 sale was made of the real estate, on the repeated solicitation and at the instance of the said George Woolley, for the sum of £. 204 13 2 Irish sterling, a sum by no means adequate to the value of the said estate, as suggested by the trustees, the sale being made to accommodate the said George Woolley, and the money remitted to him; that the said Catherine, and the trustees, were induced to consent to such sale by a verbal promise, that the money arising on the sale should be, immediately on the receipt thereof, appropriated by the said George Woolley to the purchase of a lot of ground in the town of Baltimore, with a good and commodious dwelling house thereon, for her sole use and benefit, in case of her surviving him; that the whole of the personal estate belonging to her the said Catherine, was received by the said George Woolley after the marriage took effect; and that the said George died suddenly in October or November last past, intestate and without issue, seised and possessed of such estates as are therein specified, and indebted in considerable sums of money, the amount whereof cannot as yet be ascertained; that two of his brothers, if alive, are residents of the city of Quebec, and that his youngest brother, William Woolley, is an inhabitant of the town of Baltimore, and in good circumstances.

Your committee beg leave further to report to the honourable house, that it is the opinion of your committee that an act ought to pass, empowering the said Catherine Woolley to sell the real estate of the said George Woolley, and that so much of the money arising from the said sale, as the honourable house may deem sufficient to purchase such a lot and buildings in Baltimore-town as the said sum of £. 204 13 2 Irish sterling would have purchased in the year 1774, (the time when the same was received by the said George Woolley) if it had been laid out pursuant to the trust reposed in him, together with the sum of ——— hundred pounds sterling, with interest to be computed thereon from the ——— day of ——— 1771, be retained by the said Catherine, and the surplus, after deducting what may be equal to the dower of the said Catherine in the said land, be disposed of as the general assembly shall direct.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

G. RANKEN, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Seneca Nelson, of St. Mary's county, was read the first and second time, and rejected.

Charles Carroll, Barrister, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to enable naval officers to grant registers for vessels, enacted; " By the senate, May 25, 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.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A letter from the governor of Virginia to the honourable the Speaker, of the 17th instant, was laid before the house and read.

A petition from Robert Ballard of Baltimore county, setting forth, that Jonathan Plowman, by his last will and testament, did devise to his son Jonathan, in fee, a tract of land called United Friendship, which he purchased of Clare Young, executrix of William Young, deceased, together with all the leased lands adjoining and contiguous thereto; and that the said Jonathan devised the residue of his real estate amongst his daughters; that he died seised of three tracts of land, the one called Plowman's Prospect, the other two called Plowman's Plains and Salisbury Plains, which several surveys include a number of leases held under the late proprietary for ninety-nine years; that the said Plowman agreed with Robert Eden, Esq; one of the commissioners for the sale of the reserved manor lands, for the several tracts as before mentioned, and for other reserved lands contiguous thereto, and that he paid a considerable part of the money for the said lands, and that no patents have issued for the said lands, owing to the convulsion of the times; and praying the preference in surveying and taking up the said lands; was preferred and read.

ORDERED, That the order of the day respecting the subject of supplies, be postponed until to-morrow.

The report on the petition of John Ray, referred from the last to the present session, was read and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

Mr. Handy has leave of absence.

A bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Ray, of Anne-Arundel county, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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