

A memorial from captain Jacob Brice and lieutenant Clement Skerrett, praying an act may pass, directing the commissioners of confiscated British property to execute deeds to the memorialists for several lots purchased by them, part of My Lady's manor, was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Stone, Mr. Forrest, Mr. N. Worthington, Mr. Ridgely, and Mr. Shaw, to consider and report thereon.

ORDERED, That the representation from the intendant respecting My Lady's manor, be taken into consideration by the above committee.

The report on the petition of Alexander M<sup>c</sup>Allen, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

The report on the petition of David Brown and Henry Wilson, executors of John Cornthwaite, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

A petition from Joshua Gift, of Frederick county, praying an act may pass, directing the recording a deed to him from a certain Abraham Davis and Elizabeth Cromer, was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Duvall, Mr. Edwards, and Mr. Morris, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill respecting registers of vessels, and to direct the entering and clearing vessels from and to the British dominions; and Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Mechen, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Hall, were appointed a committee to prepare and bring in the said bill.

The letter of resignation from William Hemsley, Esq; a delegate in congress, was read the second time and accepted.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Dennis and Mr. Sherwood:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MAY 9, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house propose going into the appointment of two delegates to congress, on Monday next at 10 o'clock, in the room of the honourable Edward Giles, deceased, and the honourable William Hemsley, who has resigned.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Mechen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act respecting registers of vessels, and to direct the entering and clearing vessels from and to the British dominions; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill for the adjournment of civil causes ruled for trial at the next general court for the western shore? Determined in the negative.

The petition of Edward Johnson, appointed guardian of Jonathan Plowman, was read, and referred to Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Mechen, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Quynn, Mr. Hindman, and Mr. Forrest, to consider and report thereon.

John Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to change the surnames of Nicholas Maccubbin, junior, and of James Maccubbin, to that of Carroll; which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed.

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

THE committee, to whom was referred the memorial of Thomas Russell and William Augustine Washington, beg leave to report, That the facts in the said memorial, are truly stated. Your committee conceive, that as the memorialists are entitled to undivided parts of the property of the Principio company, it would be improper to sell the said lands upon terms to which the memorialists have not consented. Your committee also find, upon conversation with the commissioners of confiscated property, that the lands ordered by the law to be sold are entangled with other surveys, and their limits uncertain, and cannot be ascertained at the day appointed for the sale. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that the commissioners be directed to postpone the sale of the property late belonging to a company distinguished by the appellation of the Principio company, until the further orders of the general assembly. Your committee find, that the money intended to be raised by the sale of this property was appropriated to discharge part of five months pay due to the officers and soldiers of the Maryland line, and therefore think it necessary to substitute some other fund in lieu thereof. Your committee beg leave to recommend to the honourable house, that the residue of the specific tax now due and to be collected, or remaining in the hands of the collectors, be applied to this purpose. That the commissioners for the sale of British property be directed to sell, as soon as possible, any confiscated property that is not heretofore appropriated, upon the same terms, and for the same purpose, that the property late belonging to the Principio company was directed to be sold; and that if a sufficient sum of money should not be raised by the aforesaid means, that the intendant of the revenue be directed to sell as much of the specifics (except the article of tobacco) now on hand, or to be collected, as will make up the deficiency; and that any money that may come into the hands of the intendant, or into the treasury, not particularly appropriated, may be made use of towards fulfilling the purpose aforesaid. Your committee therefore submit to the consideration of the honourable house the following resolution:

Whereas