

8 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, APRIL, 1783.

Whereas Thomas Russell and William Augustine Washington have, by their memorial, set forth to this general assembly, that they are entitled to undivided shares of the property late belonging to the Principio company, which is advertised for sale on the tenth day of this present month of May; and that if the sale is made at that time, and upon the terms directed by the law, they would lose a considerable part of the value; that the lands are entangled with other surveys, so that the limits are uncertain, and cannot be ascertained at the day of sale; and the facts aforesaid appearing to be true: Therefore, **RESOLVED**, That the commissioners for confiscated property be directed to postpone the sale of the lands late belonging to the Principio company, until the further order of the general assembly.

Your committee beg leave further to observe, that it would be proper to pass an act respecting the property late of the Principio company, by virtue of which the case of Thomas Russell and William Augustine Washington may be provided for, the limits of the land established, and that part belonging to the state sold, to redeem such certificates granted to the officers and soldiers of the Maryland line.

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

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Forrest delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Buckman, of Saint Mary's county; which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

The report on the memorial of Thomas Russell and William Augustine Washington, was read the second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto; and Mr. Stone, Mr. Chase, Mr. Forrest, Mr. Hall, and Mr. B. Worthington, were appointed a committee to prepare and bring in the said bill.

The bill to change the surnames of Nicholas Maccubbin, junior, and of James Maccubbin, to that of Carroll, and the bill for the relief of John Buckman, of Saint Mary's county, were sent to the senate by Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Stone.

Mr. Morris brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill to confirm the last will and testament of John Cornthwaite, late of Baltimore county, deceased; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The report on the petition of George Dent, was read the second time and committed for amendment.

The report on the memorial of the justices and sheriff of Anne-Arundel county, referred from the last session to the present, was read.

Mr. Forrest has leave of absence till Wednesday next.

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

THE committee, to whom was referred the petition of Richard Davis, of Frederick county, beg leave to report, That upon viewing the will of Garah Davis, deceased, the petitioner's father, it appears, that the lands devised to the petitioner are only given to him, without any mention of his heirs or assigns, or any other expressions that would, in the opinion of your committee, give him more than an estate for life; but that from a preceding clause in the said will, devising other lands to another son in the same manner, together with the affidavit of Nathan Vesch, the person who wrote the will, your committee are inclined to believe, that the testator had no design of confining the estate, as given the petitioner, to an estate for life; are therefore of opinion; that a law ought to pass, vesting in the petitioner a right in fee to the said land. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith: Determined in the negative.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to prohibit the bringing slaves into this state; and Mr. Chase, Mr. B. Worthington, and Mr. Stull, were appointed a committee to prepare and bring in the said bill.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, May 10, 1783.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Hall. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Coursey appeared in the house.

On the second reading the bill to confirm the last will and testament of John Cornthwaite, late of Baltimore county, deceased, the question was put, That the following clause—"Provided