

at Big Hunting-creek near Jonathan Fry's, with a direct line till it intersects the road leading from William Bentley's to Baltimore-town; was preferred and read.

Mr. Dashiell, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A Supplement to the act to authorise the commissioners for the preservation and sale of confiscated British property, to convey certain lands in Wiccomico manor to several of the tenants thereof, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Edwards has leave of absence.

The bill to establish a market-house in Elizabeth-town in Washington county, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Stull and Mr. Oneale.

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

THE committee appointed to enquire into and report on the memorial of captain William Stone, of Baltimore county, having examined the allegations submitted to their consideration, beg leave to report, That captain William Stone being owner of a certain brigantine called the Friendship, whereof John Martin was commander, did charter the said brigantine to a committee of the convention on the 31st day of December, in the year 1775, to perform a voyage to the West-Indies on freight, as by the charter party will fully appear; that the said brigantine proceeded on her voyage, and after having performed the same, and discharged her cargo at the island of Martinico, proceeded to Saint Eustatia under the orders and direction of captain William Stone; that while the said vessel lay at the island of Saint Eustatia, John Martin, captain of said brigantine, disposed of her, and gave a bill of sale therefor to Richard Harrison, at that time agent for this state, for the sum of nine hundred pounds current money, without any authority vested in him by the owner to dispose of said brigantine; that it appears by sundry depositions, that captain John Martin was induced to make the transfer of said vessel, from an assurance that, in case the sale was disapproved of by captain Stone, that she was to be returned to him on her arrival at Baltimore, together with an allowance of ten per cent. from freights. That it does not appear to your committee, that any part of the consideration money was ever paid to captain Stone, or that the said Richard Harrison paid any money in the West-Indies on account of the said petitioner. It further appears, that the said brigantine hath since (under colour of the said sale) been in the service of the state, and performed several profitable voyages, whereby she acquired considerable freights. Your committee further beg leave to report, that captain William Stone instituted a writ of replevin for recovery of the said vessel, and that the sheriff of Baltimore county executed the said process, and delivered the vessel to captain Stone; that immediately afterwards, captain John Martin, who was in the service of the state, rescued the said vessel with force from the custody of the petitioner, since which time the said petitioner hath made several applications to the legislative powers of this state for redress, but the affair hath been from time to time delayed in the opinion of your committee, to the great injury of the said captain William Stone. It also appears to your committee, that the said brigantine was new, substantially built, well found and fitted, and was valued, immediately after serving the said writ of replevin, by four persons of skill and judgment, to the sum of eighteen hundred pounds Maryland currency. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that the governor and council be authorised and empowered to settle and adjust, by arbitration, the dispute aforesaid, subsisting between this state and the aforesaid captain William Stone, relative to the brigantine aforesaid, or any other matter or thing relating to the same. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. Quynn, and Mr. Dashiell, be a committee to tax the cost on an account exhibited by the serjeant at arms, for summones issued for sundry persons in Harford county, to give evidence respecting an election to appoint a place whereon to build a court house and gaol in said county.

James M'Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act appointing wardens for the port of Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, endorsed; "By the senate, May 16, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, May 22, 1783: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

And a bill, entitled, An act empowering the intendant to dispose of the galley and barges, endorsed; "By the senate, May 19, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, May 22, 1783: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

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

And also a petition from James Brooke, of Montgomery county, setting forth, that he lent congrais a sum of money in 1777 and 1778, that he has not received any interest for the same, and praying to have the above loan discounted in his taxes at the value of the money when loaned,