

F R I D A Y, November 14, 1783.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Ridgely of William. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. John Jeremiah Jacob, a delegate returned for Washington county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government took his seat in the house.

A petition from the executors of John Cornthwaite, praying an act may pass to authorise them to sell and dispose of as much of the real estate of John Cornthwaite as will pay his debts, was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Mechen, Mr. Steret, and Mr. Hindman, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Richard Curson, of Baltimore-town, setting forth, that a large sum of money has been paid the naval officer through mistake, and that bond has been also executed for the same sum to the said officer, and praying directions to the naval officer aforesaid to release the bond; was preferred and read.

The report on the petition of Joseph Cresap was read the second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

Mr. Dent, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to constitute and appoint a select vestry in Saint John's parish, in Prince-George's county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Gerard Harbin, of Montgomery county, in behalf of himself and brothers, praying an act may pass to make good and valid the will of their father, relative to land bequeathed them, was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Oneale, Mr. Hammond, and Mr. Beatty, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from David Hopkins and wife, administratrix of Benjamin Howard, praying an act may pass, empowering them to dispose of a part of the real estate of the deceased, for the payment of his debts; was preferred and read.

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

**T**HE committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Cofden, of Queen-Anne's county, beg leave to report, That they find the facts therein contained to be truly stated, and are of opinion a law might with propriety be passed to relieve the said petitioner, by making valid the deed of bargain and sale from James Raley, and Benjamin Newnam and Mary his wife, to John Moore, and to direct the recording the aforesaid deed. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

G. RANKEN, clk.

Which was read.

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

**T**HE committee to whom was referred the petition of Francis Rochester, junior, of Queen-Anne's county, beg leave to report, That they find the facts therein contained to be truly stated, and are of opinion, a law might with propriety be passed for the relief of the said petitioner. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

G. RANKEN, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Beatty brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Joseph Cresap, of Washington county; 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 to abolish interest, from the first of September 1776, to the first of March 1783, on all debts contracted previous to the first of September 1776? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Key appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messrs. Somerville,	Harwood,	Ridgely,	Brevard,	Norris,	Steret,
De Butts,	Ireland,	Job,	Sewell,	Keene,	Oneale.
Key,					

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs Plowden,	Hall,	Hawkins,	Digges,	Quynn,	M <sup>c</sup> Mechen,
Maxwell,	Carroll,	Hanson,	Magruder,	Hammond,	Swingle,
Dunn,	Grahame,	Dent,	Seney,	Love,	Jacob,
B. Worthington,	Mackall,	Hindman,	Kent,	Wheeler,	Edwards.
N. Worthington,	Ware,	Miller,	Coursey,		

—So it was determined in the negative.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill relating to weights and measures; and Mr. Quynn, Mr. Kent, and Mr. Somerville, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Saint Mary's county, setting forth, that the proprietors of the land at the upper end of the estate known by the name of the Indian-town, on Wicomico