

dant of the revenue, and also by the auditor-general, be consolidated, and put under the care of one board of revenue; that the board consist of an auditor-general, to be appointed by the house of delegates, an assistant, and necessary clerks; that the powers of the auditor-general, not given by the constitution, be chalked out by an act of the general assembly; that the auditor-general ought to have a sufficient salary, be upon oath, give good security, appoint his own assistant and clerks, and be responsible to the general assembly for the conduct of the whole; that the assistant and clerks be upon oath, and give security to the auditor-general. Your committee are further of opinion, that permanent funds ought to be established for payment of the governor and council, the chancellor, the judges, and all the officers on the civil establishment, and that the chancellor, the judges, and other officers on the civil establishment, holding commissions during good behaviour, ought to be rendered independent, by having salaries annexed, to continue during their continuance in office. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Beatty has leave of absence till Monday next.

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

The bill to constitute and appoint a select vestry in St. John's parish, in Prince-George's county, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Kent brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Francis Rochester, junior, of Queen-Anne's county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Ridgely, of William, appeared in the house.

The bill to record and make valid a deed of bargain and sale, executed by James Raley, and Benjamin Newnham and Mary his wife, to John Moore, of Queen-Anne's county, was read the second time and passed.

The petition of Thomas Russell, in behalf of his brother William Russell, referred from the last to the present session, was read and referred to Mr. Hall, Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Ware, Mr. Wootton, and Mr. B. Worthington, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Grahame has leave of absence till Monday next.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill for the regulation of the staple of tobacco; and Mr. Wootton, Mr. Key, Mr. De Butts, Mr. Kent, and Mr. Hawkins, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

ORDERED, That the report respecting the civil establishment be taken into consideration to-morrow morning.

On motion, ORDERED, That the names of the committee clerks be called over every day at the call of the house, and if absent on such call, or any other time during the sitting of the house, every such absentee shall, unless excused, forfeit his allowance for that day.

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

T U E S D A Y, November 18, 1783.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Beatty, Mr. Grahame, and Mr. N. Worthington. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Dunn appeared in the house. Mr. Ogle has leave of absence till Tuesday next.

A petition from William Woolsey, of Baltimore county, praying a repeal of an act of assembly passed in April session, 1782, entitled, An act to empower Catherine Woolsey to sell the real estate of George Woolsey, her late husband, for the purposes therein mentioned, was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Mackall, Mr. Oneale, and Mr. B. Worthington, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Harwood has leave of absence till Friday next.

Mr. Daniel Sulivane, a delegate returned for Dorchester county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took his seat in the house. The report respecting the civil establishment, was read the second time and concurred with.

The house proceeded to the choice of a committee, by ballot, to consider and report the state and condition of the intendant's and auditor-general's offices, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that Mr. Kent, Mr. Sewell, Mr. Ridgely, of William, Mr. Duckett, and Mr. Key, were elected.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill appointing commissioners to contract for the building a court-house in Montgomery county, and for other purposes; and Mr. Wootton, Mr. Oneale, and Mr. Edwards, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

Mr. Plowden has leave of absence till Saturday next.

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

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