

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER 1783. 37

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of James Hagon, and others, of Charles county, beg leave to report, That there appears to be no impropriety in passing an act to record and make valid the certificate of division, agreeable to the prayer of the petitioners. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

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

The petition of William Baker was referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Wootton, and Mr. Coursey, to consider and report thereon.

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

S A T U R D A Y, November 29, 1783.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Digges. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

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

THE committee, to whom was referred the petition of fundry inhabitants of Washington county, beg leave to report, That having taken the subject matter thereof into their consideration, are of opinion, that the prayer of the said petition is just and reasonable, and that Washington county, being very extensive, and inconvenient to the inhabitants thereof in attending courts, elections, &c. are therefore of opinion a law should pass for a division of said county. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order;

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from James Marshall, of Frederick county, praying the collector of Frederick county may be directed to discount £. 73 4 red money, in his taxes, for property taken by the state, was preferred and read, and rejected.

A petition from Anne Savin, of Cæcil county, praying to be allowed for damages sustained by the enemy in August 1777, was referred to Mr. Lethrbury, Mr. Oneale, and Mr. Job, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Cartwright Hammett, a languishing prisoner in Saint Mary's county gaol, praying to be relieved therefrom, was preferred and read.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the report from the commissioners appointed to view and survey the road from the lower ferry on Susquehanna to Baltimore-town, endorsed; " By the senate, November 29, 1783: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Mr. Carroll, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :
By the COMMITTEE appointed to consider and report ways and means for the establishing permanent funds for the payment of the civil list.

THE committee beg leave to report, that they have taken into consideration the subject referred to them, and are of opinion, that the following articles are proper objects of taxation, for establishing permanent funds for the payment of monies that become due on the civil list, viz.

A tax on ordinary and marriage licences it is supposed will raise the sum of	5,000
On fines, forfeitures, and forfeited recognizances,	1,000
Fees of chancery for great seal,	50
Fees in court of admiralty,	20
Proceedings in courts of law and equity,	2,000
Cards and dice, £. 400. Gold watches, £. 375	775
Silver and other watches, £. 375. Billiard tables, £. 200	575
Riding carriages,	1,000

£. 10,420

Which aggregate sum, according to the estimation of your committee, will be fully sufficient to satisfy the above object. The committee have not included in their calculation the allowance made to members of congress, and the expences of the general assembly, which they are of opinion ought to be provided for in the usual manner.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

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

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