

THE committee, to whom was referred the petition of Robert Ballard, administrator of the estate of Jonathan Plowman, deceased, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and have examined the will of Jonathan Plowman, deceased, together with the representation from sundry creditors of said estate, and find that the said Jonathan Plowman, in his will, directed sufficient of his real estate to be sold for the payment of his debts; that the executors of said will died without selling the same, or any part thereof; that letters of administration de bonis non were granted in due form to the said Robert Ballard; that the chattel estate is not near sufficient to satisfy the creditors; and that many persons will be exceedingly distressed who are creditors, unless there is a sale of part of the real estate, agreeable to the intention of the said testator. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that a law should pass to empower the said Robert Ballard to sell so much of the real estate of the said Jonathan Plowman, deceased, as will satisfy the debts, upon giving six weeks notice of such sale in the Baltimore gazette, and giving bond and good security to the orphans court for the faithful performance of said trust.

By order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read.

On a second reading of the report on the memorial of William M'Creery, of Baltimore county, the question was put, That the intendant attend the bar of this house, to give information respecting the transaction referred to in the said report, and to answer such questions of and concerning the premises, as may be propounded by the house? Resolved in the affirmative.

The report being read throughout, the question was put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Harwood has leave of absence till Thursday next.

The petition and account of William M'Creery, was referred to the governor and council to take order therein.

Benedict E. Hall, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to empower the justices of Baltimore county court, to levy a sum of money on the taxable inhabitants, for the purposes therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, November 27, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, November 29, 1783: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

And a remonstrance from sundry inhabitants of Charles county, respecting the removal of the court-house of said county, and condemnation of the land belonging to the Roman catholic church; and a counter petition thereto; severally endorsed; "By the senate, November 29, 1783: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, December 1, 1783.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Seney, Mr. Harwood, and Mr. Jacob. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Ireland appeared in the house. Mr. Henry Jackson and Mr. Gillis Polk, two delegates returned for Somerset county, appeared, and after qualifying in the usual manner, took their seats in the house.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-four, have a second reading on Wednesday next.

A letter of resignation from Mr. John Winder was laid before the house and read, and thereupon ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker issue his warrant to the sheriff of Somerset county, for electing a delegate for said county, in the room of Mr. Winder; which issued accordingly, returnable on or before the first day of March next.

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

Mr. M'Mechen delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorize and empower Robert Ballard, administrator of the goods and chattels, rights and credits, of Jonathan Plowman, late of Baltimore county, deceased, unadministered by Rebecca Plowman and David Arnold, his executors at the time of their decease, with the will of the said Jonathan Plowman annexed; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The engrossed bills No. 5 and 6, were read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bills thereof, by Mr. Love and Mr. Wheeler.

A petition from Mordecai Smith, of Calvert county, setting forth, that on or about the 23d of May, 1775, he became security for James Leatch, and at the same time took a deed by way of indemnity; that the deed was acknowledged only before one magistrate; that he is advised the