

A petition from Thomas Boyer, collector of Kent county, praying a longer time may be allowed him for completing his collection, and to be exonerated from paying the interest, was preferred and read, and referred to the committee appointed to consider and report on the petition of Mary M^cClean.

A petition from Charles Baker, of Kent county, praying to be allowed for a schooner impressed by John Bolton, deputy quarter-master, for the use of the United States, for the purpose of transporting military stores from the Head of Elk to the siege of York, which vessel was cast away, was preferred and read, and referred to the committee appointed to consider and report on the petition of Mary M^cClean.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of George Truitt, late sheriff of Worcester county, beg leave to report, That they have considered the subject matter of the said petition, and are of opinion, that the facts stated therein are not satisfactorily proved, and that from the extraordinary indulgences of the legislature to collectors of taxes, great inconveniences and injuries have arisen to this state, are of opinion, that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted. All which are 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? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Harwood appeared in the house.

A petition from James Buchanan and Sarah Coulburn, of Suffex county, in the state of Delaware, praying to be allowed for a sloop impressed by David Poe, deputy quarter-master, to transport part of the troops of the Maryland line from the Head of Elk to Petersburg in Virginia, which sloop, together with a negro man, was captured by the enemy; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. W. Stevenson, Mr. Kent, and Mr. Dunn, to consider and report thereon.

It being moved, on the second reading of the report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Charles county, that the house concur therewith, the previous question was called for and put, That the said question be now put? Determined in the negative.

A petition from Edward Dorsey, administrator of Samuel Dorsey, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, praying an act may pass, empowering him to sell and dispose of the real estate of the deceased, for the purpose of paying the debts due from the said estate; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. N. Worthington, Mr. Quynn, and Mr. Ridgely, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Ridgely delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and establish a public road in Baltimore county; and also a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and establish a public road leading from William Matthews's mill, in Baltimore county, until it intersects the main road where the old road formerly did; which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Kent delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower Edward Downes to collect, by distress and sale, the arrears due for public and county assessments to the late collector of Queen-Anne's county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Love brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act for an election to determine at what place the court-house and prison of Harford county should be built; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Samuel Hughes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the relief of Thomas Bailey, of Baltimore county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 4, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 5, 1783: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

And also the bill to authorise and empower Elizabeth Vallette, Thomas Harwood, and William Brogden, executors of the last will and testament of Elie Vallette, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, to sell and dispose of the real estate of the said Elie Vallette, for the purposes therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, December 4, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 5, 1783: Read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

A petition from Alexander Thomas, a languishing prisoner in Montgomery county gaol, praying to be relieved therefrom, was preferred and read.

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

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