

THE committee to whom was referred the report of the commissioners appointed to view and survey the navigation of the Susquehanna, beg leave to report, That they have deliberated on the subject matter referred to their consideration, and conceive the probability of opening the navigation extremely flattering, especially as there is a proposition from sundry respectable gentlemen to undertake the same at their own expence, provided the general assembly should think proper to incorporate them. Your committee are therefore of opinion, to accelerate the important undertaking, the proposition of the gentlemen should be acceded to, and that leave should be given to bring in a bill for the above purposes. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto; and Mr. Hall, Mr. Key, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Job, and Mr. Bravard, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

John Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a memorial from William Fitzhugh, of Calvert county, with an estimate of his losses sustained by the wanton depredations of the enemy, endorsed; "By the senate, December 5, 1783: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the people called Nicolites, or New Quakers, beg leave to report, That having taken the same into consideration, are of opinion, that from the public and private conduct of their members, they are entitled to the enjoyments and privileges granted to other societies of christians, and that a law should pass agreeable to the prayer of their petition. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom the petition of Isabella Alexander, of Cæcil county, was referred, beg leave to report, That they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion, that the property therein mentioned, and which was reserved subject to the direction of the general assembly, has been left in her possession, should still remain with her till the general assembly take further order therein; but as your committee have been informed, that Robert Alexander, the petitioner's husband, has received a compensation from the British, of which your committee have no positive proof, they are of opinion, that the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted till further enquiry can be made, and this house are fully satisfied that no compensation has been or is to be made to the said Robert Alexander. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read.

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

S A T U R D A Y, December 6, 1783.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read, Mr. Plowden appeared in the house.

The bill respecting the tonnage of vessels, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Magruder and Mr. Duckett.

A petition from the vestrymen and churchwardens of Somerset county, praying an act may pass, empowering the said vestry to sell and dispose of so many of the slaves belonging to their parish as will enable them to build a dwelling house, and such other houses as may be fit and convenient for a clergyman, was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Jackson, Mr. Polk, and Mr. Keene, to consider and report thereon.

The bill 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, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Ridgely and Mr. J. Stevenson.

The report on the petition of the people called Nicolites, or New Quakers, was read the second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto; and Mr. Kent, Mr. Quynn, Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. Keene, and Mr. Steret, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

The bill to lay out and establish a public road in Baltimore county, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Ridgely and Mr. J. Stevenson.

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