

William Piper, grandson of the deceased, derive no advantage therefrom, and one of his daughters, called Mary, who is an idiot, is left entirely destitute of any support; that his son William comes in for a negro boy eighteen years old, and a girl seven years old, and his two youngest daughters for a negro woman about forty, and four small children, which is far short of the provision intended by the father, as appears by the will, and a paper in the hand writing of the deceased, containing some of the alterations and directions for drawing said will, and unless the legislature interpose, the heir at law comes in for the residue of the personal estate, and the rest of the children are left entirely destitute of a sufficient support.

Your committee are therefore of opinion, that a law should pass to confirm the last will and testament of the said James M^cClean, or if that should be thought improper, that some provision should be made for the idiot daughter and the younger children, till the heir at law comes of age.

All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M^cPERSON, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. W. Stevenson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report on the petition of Thomas Boyer; which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial and petition of Charles Baker, junior, of Kent county, beg leave to report, That the facts set forth in said memorial appear by the vouchers to be true; your committee are therefore of opinion, that this state ought to pay for the vessel which was lost in the public service, and that the same should be charged to the United States. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M^cPERSON, clk.

Which was read.

The memorial of William Fitzhugh was referred to Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. Kent, and Mr. Oneale, to consider and report thereon.

Whereas captain Richard Davis hath declared on oath, that he lost his papers, such as vouchers and enlistments, when taken in Fort Washington the 16th of November, 1776: Therefore RESOLVED, That the auditor-general and intendant be authorised to pass the account of captain Davis, in the same manner as if his vouchers had not been lost.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Jacob and Mr. Swingle.

The bill to empower Edward Dorsey, administrator of Samuel Dorsey, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, was read the second time by special order, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of John Johnson, of the city of Annapolis, beg leave to report, That they have examined into the facts therein contained, and find them to be true; they are therefore of opinion, that he ought to be considered as a civil officer while in the execution of his trust as a commissioner, and that the intendant be directed to pay his account in the same manner as the officers on the civil list have been or now are paid. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M^cPERSON, clk.

Which was read.

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

By the COMMITTEE of ELECTIONS and PRIVILEGES.

YOUR committee beg leave to report, That by the certificate of the sheriff of Worcester county it appears, That Mr. William Morris, Mr. Henry Dennis, Mr. Nehemiah Holland, and Mr. Joseph Dashiell, are duly elected and returned delegates for said county. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M^cPERSON, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

A petition from Elizabeth Margaret Littig, praying an act may pass to empower her to lay out a certain tract of land into lots, as an addition to Baltimore-town, the said land belonging to the orphans of Robert Littig, was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. M^cMechen, Mr. Steret, and Mr. Quynn, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from captain John Hamilton, of Baltimore county, praying to be relieved from a suit commenced against him by an inhabitant of Baltimore county for enlisting his servant, was preferred and read.

The report of the committee of elections and privileges, was read the second time and concurred with.