

said land was sold by William Butler to Robert Christie, in trust, for the use of his creditors, was preferred and read.

Mr. Shaw delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to open and establish a public road in Dorchester county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to appoint commissioners to contract for the building a court-house and prison in Montgomery county, and for other purposes, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Oneale and Mr. Edwards.

The house proceeded to the choice of two committee clerks by ballot, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that Mr. Randolph Brandt Latimer and Mr. William Pinkney were elected. ORDERED, That they be qualified.

Mr. Wootton appeared in the house.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Dorchester county, was read the first and second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto; and Mr. Harris, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Shaw, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

Mr. Kent, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the christian society of people, called Nicolites, or New Quakers; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. M^cMechen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore-town relative to Hanover-lane, beg leave to report, That they have examined the same, and are of opinion, that the said petition ought to be granted, agreeable to the prayer thereof. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M^cPERSON, clk.

Mr. M^cMechen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth Margaret Littig, beg leave to report, That they have examined the same, with the recommendation of the judges of Baltimore county orphans court, and are of opinion, that the prayer of said petition be granted agreeable to the recommendation of said court. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M^cPERSON, clk.

A petition from Susannah Covington and Levin Mackall, praying an act may pass, to make valid the title of the heir at law (now a minor) of Levin Covington, late of Prince-George's county, to a moiety of a mill and mill seat, lying and being in the aforesaid county, which the said Covington purchased of a certain Richard King, late of Charles county, paid the consideration money, and died seised thereof, was preferred and read, and referred to the next session of assembly.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the relief of public creditors; and Mr. Hall, Mr. Scott, Mr. Key, Mr. M^cMechen, Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Carroll, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

On progression in reading the bill to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-four, the question was put, That the following clause be received as an amendment? "And be it enacted, That all that part of an act of assembly, entitled, An act for the defence of the bay, and to impose certain duties on imported articles, which relates to the laying, imposing, and collecting, duties, on any goods, wares, or merchandises, imported, whether enumerated in said act or not enumerated, be and is hereby continued, and shall remain in full force for and during one year, unless the duty of five per cent. shall be granted to congress by the several states, and shall sooner take place." Resolved in the affirmative.

A certificate of the qualification of Randolph Brandt Latimer and William Pinkney, committee clerks, was produced and filed.

Benedict E. Hall, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from John Hall, Esq; of the 11th instant, accepting his appointment as a delegate in congress.

Also the resolution relative to captain Richard Davis, endorsed; "By the senate, December 15, 1783: Read and dissented to.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

And a petition from Benjamin Sylvester, of Caroline county, praying an act may pass, empowering him to sell as much of the real estate of John Malcolm, late of Caroline county, deceased, as will enable him to pay and discharge the just debts of the aforesaid John Malcolm, endorsed, "By the senate, December 15, 1783: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

On motion, the question was put, That the following clause be received as an amendment to the supply bill? "And be it enacted, That no specifics shall be received by any collector whatsoever,