

The bill 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, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Kent and Mr. Seney.

The petition of Robert Wood, of Frederick county, was read the second time and rejected for want of proper notice.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of Benjamin Mackall, Thomas Hurland, and Edward Reynolds, of Calvert county, setting forth, that they are creditors of William Molleson and William and Robert Molleson, beg leave to report, That on enquiry they find, that Thomas Contee hath not complied with the requisites of an act, entitled, A Supplement to an act to empower Thomas Contee to settle and collect the debts due to William Molleson, and William and Robert Molleson, or either of them, and to apply the same, by which means the creditors of the said William Molleson, and William and Robert Molleson, are deprived of that justice the general assembly intended them by the aforesaid act; and that your committee are of opinion the memorialists are entitled to redress by an act of the legislature. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

R. B. LATIMER, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

Samuel Hughes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act proposing to the citizens of this state, creditors of congress on loan-office certificates, to accept this state for payment on the terms therein mentioned, endorsed; " By the senate December 15, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

" By the senate, December 16, 1783: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to raise the supplies for the year 1784, was sent to the senate by Mr. B. Worthington and Mr. Key.

Mr. Harris, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower the justices of Dorchester county to levy a sum of money on the inhabitants of said county, for the purpose of erecting a poor-house for the relief of the poor of the said county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table,

The supplement to the act to determine at what place the court-house and prison of Harford county should be built, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Love and Mr. Wheeler.

The bill to open and establish a public road in Dorchester county, was read the second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Shaw and Mr. Harris.

The petition of Benjamin Sylvester, was read and referred to Mr. Hopper, Mr. Kent, and Mr. Keene, to consider and report thereon.

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

YOUR committee, to whom was referred the petition of Isaac Marshall, of Somerset county, beg leave to report, That they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that the facts contained in said petition are true, and the prayer thereof reasonable and ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read.

A memorial from Bennett Chew, of Cæcil county, setting forth, that he hath sustained great damage by the depredations of the enemy, and praying relief, was preferred and read, and referred to the committee appointed to consider and report on the memorial of William Fitzhugh. And thereupon ORDERED, That this, and all other petitions of a similar nature, be referred to the next session of assembly.

The memorial of Richard Chew, of Anne-Arundel county, was read and referred to Mr. Grahame, Mr. De Butts, and Mr. Somerville, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Morris, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to ascertain fees to justices of the peace for services done out of court; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Grahame appeared in the house.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of a great number of the inhabitants of Somerset county, praying that an act might pass, to empower the justices of the said county to levy a sum of money on the inhabitants thereof sufficient for the purpose of erecting a bridge over