

TUESDAY, December 7, 1784.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. James Shaw, a delegate returned for Dorchester county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took his seat in the house.

Mr. Lethbury, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act relating to public roads; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Henrietta Maria Walker, administratrix of Joseph Walker, of Prince-George's county, praying an act may pass, empowering her to sell a lot of ground in Pig Point, Anne-Arundel county, the property of the said deceased, for the benefit of her son; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. E. Gantt, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Digges, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Sabert Card, a languishing prisoner in Calvert county gaol, praying to be released therefrom; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Taney, Mr. Grahame, and Mr. Bond, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Digges, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Prince-George's county, to prevent the setting weirs and hedges to obstruct the navigation of the eastern and north-west branches of the river Patowmack; which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Digges, Mr. G. Scott, and Mr. E. Gantt, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from John Jarman, of Queen-Anne's county, setting forth, that he was draughted in a class of militia, and that he furnished a recruit to serve during the war, which entitled him to four shillings per cent. on sixteen thousand pounds, the property of the said class, and praying relief in the premises; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Wright, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Joseph Dashiell, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to which was referred the petition of Margaret Chalmers, the wife of colonel Chalmers, beg leave to report, that they have inquired into the facts stated in said petition, and find, that the estate came to the said colonel Chalmers by a conveyance from the said Margaret; they also find, that a considerable part of the said estate is already sold, and that there are large claims against said estate, several of which are not yet ascertained and liquidated. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that the said Margaret and her children shall have all the estate not sold both real and personal, if the debts and claims against said Chalmers's estate do not exceed what is already disposed of, and in that case the estate in the hands of the said Margaret and her children to be subject to the payment of such deficiency, and that the estate unfold be given to the said Margaret and her children as this house shall think fit, but in no case shall the said colonel Chalmers have any right, estate, or disposition, of the same. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

R. B. LATIMER, clk.

Which was read.

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

By the COMMITTEE to whom was referred the petition of Sarah Muir, of St. Mary's county.

IT appears to your committee, that the matter stated in the petition is true; that as Mr. Jordan, the residuary legatee and trustee, supports by his letter the prayer of said petition, your committee can see no impropriety in granting the same. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to ascertain, establish, and perpetuate, the bounds of the public grounds at Queen's-town. ORDERED, That Mr. Sewell, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Courfey, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Wright, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to ascertain, establish, and perpetuate, the bounds of the public grounds at Queen's-town; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

George Gale, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to confirm in Amos Garrett a title to a tract of land called Hazard Enlarged, endorsed; "By the senate, December 6, 1784: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

" By the senate, December 7, 1784: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

J. LORSEY, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

The memorial of Shadrack Towson, of Baltimore county, was read. ORDERED, That Mr. G. Scott, Mr. Chafe, Mr. Hall, Mr. J. Scott, and Mr. Joseph Dashiell, be a committee to consider