

A bill, entitled, An act to empower Henrietta Maria Walker and Isaac Walker to sell a lot of ground, and apply the money as therein mentioned, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to invest James Rumsey with an exclusive privilege and benefit of making and selling new invented boats on a model by him invented, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Steel.

Mr. G. Scott, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill committed for amendment, entitled, An act to prevent owners of slaves from permitting them to hire themselves on contract; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Robert Ballard, administrator of Jonathan Plowman, deceased, praying an act may pass, empowering him to dispose of part of the real estate of the deceased, for the payment of his debts; was preferred and read.

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

THE committee, to whom was referred the petition of Micajah Mitchell, of Harford county, beg leave to report, that they have examined into the facts stated in said petition, and have sufficient reason to believe them to be true. Your committee are therefore of opinion he ought to be relieved agreeable to the prayer of said petition. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from John Hamilton, late sheriff of Cecil county, praying an act may pass to compel payment of the balances due him as sheriff of said county; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Quynn, Mr. M-Mechen, and Mr. Harris, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Benjamin Garnett, of Kent county, praying an act may pass to vest in him the legal estate in a moiety of a lot of ground in New-town, Kent county; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Chaille, Mr. Graves, and Mr. Key, to consider and report thereon.

Petitions from Lydia Moulard and Hezekiah Reeves, of Charles county, praying a deduction for land bought by them from the commissioners of confiscated British property; were preferred and read.

Mr. Oneale, 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 Washington county, beg leave to report, that they have taken into their consideration the subject matter therein contained, and are of opinion a law ought to pass, empowering the justices of the said county to assess and levy on the inhabitants thereof the sum of money prayed for, to be applied to the purposes mentioned in said petition. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

R. B. LATIMER, clk.

Which was read.

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

T H U R S D A Y, December 16, 1784.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Job, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for recording a deed executed by Samuel Ervin, Mary Ervin, and William Ervin, to William Rogers, of Cecil county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The said bill was read the second time by especial order and passed; and the bill for the relief of Joseph Cresap, of Washington county, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Job.

Mr. Ridgely of William, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee, to whom was referred the petition of Elijah Merryman, beg leave to report, that they have examined the allegations therein contained, and find them true, and are of opinion, that the prayer of the petition ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of John Carnan, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Waters.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 16, 1784.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house are desirous to fill up the representation in congress, and propose to go into the appointment of three gentlemen to-morrow at eleven o'clock, in the room of Thomas Johnson, William Smallwood, and Richard Ridgely, Esquires, who have declined to accept of their appointment.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.