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the articles of the confederation, and in its place to subscribe and ratify another; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

F R I D A Y, December 17, 1784.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The amendment to the bill to ascertain, establish, and perpetuate, the bounds of the public grounds at Queen's-town; and the amendments to the bill to prevent the obstructions of the navigation of the eastern and north-west branches of the river Patowmack; were severally read the second time, agreed to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed.

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

**T**HE committee, to whom was referred the petition of John Mackall, of Saint Mary's county, beg leave to report, that your committee have fully examined the facts stated by the petitioner, and find that William Hicks of Great-Britain did, on the 13th day of March, 1767, by deed, convey to Vernon Hebb and James Aderton, of Saint Mary's county, all his lands to which he the said Hicks had any right or title to in the county aforesaid, and on the 30th day of May, 1767, Joseph Walker and John Slyne made oath before Christopher Lowndes and Joshua Bell, of Prince-George's county, that they saw William Hicks sign and seal the aforesaid deed to Vernon Hebb and James Aderton in Great Britain; that on the 14th day of March, 1767, William Hicks made another conveyance of the same import to the aforesaid Vernon Hebb and James Aderton, the execution of which by William Hicks is also proved by the above-mentioned Joseph Walker and John Slyne, before Christopher Lowndes and Joshua Bell; after these several conveyances to Vernon Hebb and James Aderton, the petitioner purchased the following lands of William Aisquith, as attorney in fact for the aforesaid William Hicks, viz. Saint Mary's Freehold, 7 acres; Governor's Field, 200; Squire's Purchase, 37, Saint Peter's, 100; the Old Chapel Land, 27 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; and a piece of land held under lease from the late lord Baltimore for 378 acres, advertised to hold the above quantities; which lands were conveyed by Vernon Hebb, after the death of James Aderton, to the petitioner John Mackall. Your committee also report, that the petitioner granted his bonds, payable to William Hicks, for the sum of £. 288 2 sterling, which bonds he delivered to Mr. Hicks's attorney; that the petitioner also granted his bond to Vernon Hebb for the sum of £. 548 3 2 sterling, which was the full amount of the money the petitioner agreed to pay for the aforesaid lands; that the petitioner hath discharged the bond granted to Vernon Hebb, and is now sued by William Aisquith in the general court for the money due William Hicks, as secured by the above bonds. Your committee are of opinion the prayer of the petitioner should be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

R. B. LATIMER, clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore-town, for enlarging the powers of the commissioners of said town, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. M'Chicken, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Joseph Dashiell, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A memorial from Philip Hall, counter to the memorial of Eleanor and Charlotte Frazier, was preferred and read.

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

**T**HE committee, to whom was referred the petition of Peregrine and Elizabeth Fitzhugh, beg leave to report, that they have obtained very satisfactory information relative to the truth of the allegations stated in said petition, and are therefore of opinion the prayer of said petition should be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

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

**T**HE committee, to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore-town, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion, that the prayer of the said petition ought to be granted, under such regulations and provisions as the legislature shall think proper. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

The memorial of Eleanor and Charlotte Frazier, and the counter memorial thereto, were referred to Mr. Grahame, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Hindman, Mr. Oneale, and Mr. B. Worthington, to consider and report thereon.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to empower the justices of Montgomery county to assess and levy a sum of money on the inhabitants of said county,