

W E D N E S D A Y, December 22, 1784.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Walter Bowie, a delegate returned for Prince-George's county, and Mr. Benjamin Edwards, a delegate returned for Montgomery county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took their seats in the house. Mr. Plowden appeared in the house.

The petition of sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, relative to the building a new courthouse and gaol, was referred to Mr. Beatty, Mr. Carey, and Mr. Gibson, to consider and report thereon.

The petition of sundry inhabitants of Charles county, was referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Dent, to consider and report thereon.

The bill directing and empowering the administrators of Frederick Foreman to sell and dispose of part of a tract of land, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Seney.

The report on the petition of Peregrine Fitzhugh and Elizabeth his wife, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from his excellency general Washington of the 19th instant, with a letter from B. Randolph, Esq; of Virginia, enclosing sundry resolutions of the general assembly of the commonwealth of Virginia, severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 22, 1784: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which were read.

The report on the petition of John Mackall, of Saint Mary's county, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

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

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

THE committee, to whom the honourable house referred the petition of Sarah Parran, of Calvert county, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration, and find that she has in possession a tract of land in Charles county, containing 214 acres, of an inferior quality; that she has also a very valuable tract in Calvert county, and that she has barely slaves sufficient left, from sales which have been made of them, to till the land in Calvert county; that if the land in Charles county was sold, it would produce nearly sufficient to discharge the debts due, and that it would be more beneficial to the children that those lands should be sold, than the remaining part of the negroes; they therefore conceive that a law should pass agreeable to the prayer of the same. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

R. B. LATIMER, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee, to whom was referred the petition of Matthew Ridley and others, relative to Hanover-lane, beg leave to report, that they have examined the allegations therein contained, and are of opinion that they are true, and that relief ought to be granted in the premises. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee, to whom was referred the memorial of Robert Long, of Baltimore county, together with the several papers referred by the intendant to the general assembly, beg leave to report, that they have examined the several allegations therein set forth, and have reason to believe them to be true; they therefore are of opinion that it be referred to the intendant to settle with the said Robert Long, either by directing a jury of inquiry to assess the cost and damages, or by appointing, with the consent of the said Robert Long, arbitrators to fix and ascertain them, provided that Messieurs William Augustine Washington and Thomas and William Russell, who are interested in the final settlement of Mr. Long's case, shall agree to that mode of determination; and if the said William Augustine Washington and Thomas and William Russell, or either of them, shall not agree thereto, that then the intendant be directed to settle with the said Robert Long in one of the ways aforesaid, so far as this state is interested, and that the jury of inquiry to be summoned as aforesaid, or the arbitrators to be appointed as aforesaid, assess and ascertain the cost and damages, without regard to the damages laid in the declaration of the said Robert Long, at the time of the commencement of the suit aforesaid against the Principio company. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

R. B. LATIMER, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Shriver has leave of absence.