

“ By the senate, December 22, 1784: Read the second time with the proposed amendment and will pass.

“ By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.”

Amendment proposed. Strike out from the word “effectual” in the first line of the second page, and insert, “against the said Samuel Ervin, Mary Ervin, and William Ervin, and each of them, and their heirs respectively, and against all purchasers of the said land, with notice of the said deed, and all purchasers after the said deed shall be recorded as aforesaid, as if the said deed had been recorded within the time limited by law; but this act shall not be taken or construed to make valid and effectual the said deed against any person or persons, who without any notice or knowledge of the said deed, have fairly and honestly purchased, or before the said deed is recorded, may fairly and honestly purchase the said land in the deed aforesaid mentioned, from the said Samuel Ervin, Mary Ervin, and William Ervin, or either of them, or their or either of their heirs.”

Also a petition from Alexander Catlett of Montgomery county, respecting the uncollected part of the tax in Montgomery county to be collected by Simon Nichols, late collector of said county; a memorial from Nicholas Way, Abner Cloud and Samuel Pexson, of Montgomery county, respecting the cutting a canal through a certain tract of land; and a petition from Charles Beatty of Montgomery county, respecting his purchase of lot No. 61 in George-town; severally endorsed; “ By the senate, December 22, 1784: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

“ By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.”

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

T H U R S D A Y, December 23, 1784.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Ridgely of William and Mr. Shriver. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The petition of Alexander Catlett, was read and referred to Mr. Cramphin, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. McMechen, to consider and report thereon.

The petition of Charles Beatty, was read and referred to the second Tuesday in the next session.

The petition of Nicholas Way, Abner Cloud, and Samuel Pexson, was read.

Mr. Love brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Micajah Mitchell; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee, to whom was referred the petition of Alexander Symmer, beg leave to report, that they have examined the allegations therein contained and find them true, and that on the 30th of December 1782, he obtained a resolve, directing the treasurer of the western shore to grant him a certificate for £. 437 11 3, to be paid out of the confiscated property late of James Russell, and not already appropriated. That he obtained a certificate upon the resolution. That the said Symmer has frequently applied to the intendant and treasurer to discharge said claim, but never could obtain payment, by reason that the aforesaid property was appropriated. That your committee are of opinion, that the treasurer be directed to assign or pay said Symmer any of the bonds or cash lodged in the treasury at present of the property of the said James Russell, in payment of the claim. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

R. B. LATIMER, clk.

Which was read.

The bill to prevent owners of slaves from permitting them to hire themselves on contract, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Key,	Roberts,	Miller,	Seney,	Joseph Dashiell,	Hardcastle,
De Butts,	John Dashiell,	Job,	Sewell,	Beatty,	Stull,
Graves,	Elzey,	Bowie,	Quynn,	Norris,	Cellars,
Ware,	G. Scott,	Gantt,	Townshend,	Love,	Swingle,
Hanson,	Steel,	Digges,	Chaille,	Wheeler,	Cramphin.
Harris,					
N E G A T I V E.					
Plowden,	Taney,	Dent,	Shaw,	Oglevee,	Oneale,
Cadwalader,	Fraizer,	Stevenfon,	Bravard,	Bond,	Edwards.
Grahame,					

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The bill for establishing a new market, and building a market-house, in Baltimore-town, was read the second time and passed.

The amendment to the bill for recording a deed executed by Samuel Ervin, Mary Ervin and William Ervin, to William Rogers, was read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to prevent owners of slaves from permitting them to hire themselves on contract, and the bill for establishing and building a market-house in Baltimore-town, were sent to the senate by Mr. McMechen.