

they are injured by the same to a considerable amount, and that, having no notice of the first sale being set aside, they were precluded from an opportunity of objecting to said Long's becoming a purchaser at the second, and thereby preventing the lands from selling for so small a consideration.

Your committee beg leave further to report, that from a state of sales of confiscated property, relative to this subject, put into their hands by Gabriel Duvall, Esq; one of the commissioners for the sale of confiscated property, and which your committee beg leave to refer the house to for more complete information on this subject, it appears, that notice of said second sale was given in the Annapolis paper four weeks, and in the Baltimore papers only one week preceding the sale; that this latter omission was owing to the neglect of the printers, but that he believes the sale and the time when it was to take place were pretty generally known, as there were several persons then assembled at Baltimore-town from different counties in this state, and some from a neighbouring state, for the purpose of attending the same.

Your committee beg leave further to report, that Mr. William Russell, one of the petitioners, informed them, that particular notice was given to him on the first sale of the aforesaid lands by the commissioners, but that he had no such information of the second, which he thinks he had reason to expect, as he was considerably interested in the sale. Your committee will not undertake to give an opinion on the propriety of confirming or setting aside the above-mentioned second sale by this house, nor how far the legislature may constitutionally interfere in cases circumstanced as the present one is.

Having stated the facts, they submit the rest to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. M'Mechen brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to confirm the title of a lot of ground in Baltimore-town in Baltimore county, to James M'Fadon in fee, for the benefit of the heirs of John M'Fadon, deceased; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Tancy-town, praying an act may pass for opening, amending and repairing, the public high-ways; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Chate, Mr. Steret, Mr. Waggaman, Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Faw, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Ridgely, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from William Shireliff, of Charles county, praying depreciation of his pay while he acted as lieutenant in the Maryland line; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Quynn, Mr. Dent, and Mr. Waggaman, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from the people called quakers, belonging to Third-haven meeting in Talbot county, praying an act may pass to confirm a donation made them by William Bowers, of Talbot county, deceased; was preferred and read.

The report on the petition of Gabriel Peterson Vanhorn was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Resolved in the affirmative. Leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

The petitions from sundry inhabitants of this state, respecting the immediate or gradual abolition of slavery, were read the second time, and the question put, That the house reject the said petitions? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Faw appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	T. Bond,	N Worthington,	Stone,	Adams,	W. Bowie,	Purnell,
	Somerville,	Graham,	Ridgely,	Waters,	R. Bowie,	Beatty,
	De Butts,	Taney,	Ridgely of Wm.	Kirkman,	F. Bowie,	Norris,
	M'xwell,	Frazier,	Edmondson,	Baker,	Quynn,	Stall,
	Graves,	Jones,	Bracco,	Miller,	Mitchell,	Oncales
	B. Worthington,	Dent,				

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Lethbrury,	Gale,	Ramsay,	Chaille,	Hughlett,	Steret,
	Carroll,	John Dashiell,	Chase,	Joseph Dashiell,	Downes,	Cellars,
	Turner,	Waggaman,	Sewell,	Faw,	M'Mechen,	Funk.
	Goldborough,	Bannalls,	Jackson,	Carcy,		

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

T H U R S D A Y, December 8, 1785.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Pearce, Mr. Sterenson, Mr. Edmondson, and Mr. B. Worthington. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The petition of the people called quakers, belonging to Third-haven meeting in Talbot county, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house reject the said petition? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Chase, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for an emission of bills of credit; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That the said bill have a second reading on Tuesday next.

A memorial