

gomery county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took his seat in the house.

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

THE committee, to whom was referred the petition of the creditors of Thomas Maddux, deceased, beg leave to report, That they are of opinion a law ought to pass, empowering the administrator to sell the real estate of Thomas Maddux, deceased, agreeably to the prayer of the said petition. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

R. B. LATIMER, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Anne Wood, widow of Joseph Wood, of Caroline county, deceased, praying an act may pass, to establish the last will and testament of her deceased husband; was preferred and read.

A petition from Robert Lemmon, of Baltimore county, praying the pre-emption of a tract of land in the reserves of said county, purchased by him of a certain Charles Randall about three years since; was preferred and read.

The petition of Thomas Contee was read, and referred to Mr. F. Bowie, Mr. Dent, and Mr. Fraizer, to consider and report thereon.

The petition of Robert Lemmon was referred to Mr. Stone, Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Mechen, Mr. Chase, Mr. Edmondson, and Mr. Beatty, to consider and report thereon.

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

By the COMMITTEE appointed to examine into and report on the petition of Rachel Lee.

YOUR committee have taken the facts in said petition into their consideration, and are well satisfied, from the testimony offered, that there were three witnesses present at the time of executing the will of Joshua Lee, in the said petition mentioned, two only of which subscribed the same; that the not subscribing the name of another witness proceeded from the wrong information given the testator, that two were sufficient. Your committee are of opinion, that the will is not properly attested under the statute of frauds, which requires three witnesses, and that the estate will not pass to the devisee without the aid of an act of the general assembly, and that, under all circumstances, an act ought to pass in favour of the devisee. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee, to whom was referred the representation of the honourable Alexander Contee Hanson, Esq; beg leave to report, That they have examined the allegations therein contained, and find them true, and are of opinion, from the peculiar situation of Mr. Hanson, and to enable him to complete the revision of the acts of assembly passed since 1763, in which he is engaged at the desire of the legislature, that a sum of money should be pre-empted to him by the general assembly. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Lethbury brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry persons, securities of Thomas Boyer, late sheriff and collector of Kent county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The petition of Anne Wood, was referred to Mr. Hughlett, Mr. Downes, and Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Mechen, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Steret, 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 Baltimore-town, relative to the establishment of a health-officer, beg leave to report, That they have taken the same into their consideration, and are of opinion, that the subject matter thereof is of the utmost consequence, and that a law ought to pass to prevent infectious diseases being brought into the state. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee of claims do report, That, in obedience to the order of the house, they have attended to the intendant's office, and find that it is impossible at this time to go into a full examination of the books and papers, so as to report properly thereon. That it will take more time for this purpose, than can be spared by any committee during the sitting of the general assembly, the accounts being long and the vouchers many. That several of the accounts remain unsettled (owing to the nature of the business) for want of accounts being rendered to the intendant, by some who have heretofore done business for the state. That it appears from the face of the intendant's cash account (which this committee have not had time to examine minutely) he has in his hands the sum of £. 2277 13 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> currency, part of which is in black state money, and ready to be paid into the treasury. That the intendant, from the face of his books, hath purchased specie state certificates of all kinds, to the amount, with interest, of £. 9964 11 9, which cost the state £. 6444 5 7 specie, and that he also hath received the further sum of