

6 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1786.

Mr. Wright, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :  
 THE committee, to whom was referred the petition of Ezekiel Forman, late clerk of Kent county court, beg leave to report, that they have examined the several allegations contained in the said petition, and the vouchers therewith preferred, and are satisfied that the same are true, and are therefore of opinion, that the prayer of the said petition be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

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

S A T U R D A Y, November 18, 1786.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Robert Bowie. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The order of the day respecting Jonathan Hagar and Daniel Heester, is postponed till Wednesday next, and that they have notice thereof.

A petition from Sarrit Gray, of Cæcil county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Jenings, Mr. Wright, Mr. Wallace and Mr. Matthews, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from George Divenney, William Steele, and others, of Cæcil county, setting forth, that Thomas Griffith and Reese Davis, as per receipts, paid into the receiver-general's office of the province of Pennsylvania, for lands which they now hold, and which they inadvertently bonded for to the late intendant, and praying that their bonds may be cancelled, their right to the lands aforesaid confirmed, and the money paid by Joseph Gilpin through mistake, on account of William Steele, returned; was preferred, read, and referred to the above committee.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Cæcil county, formerly in the Delaware and Pennsylvania governments, setting forth, that they bonded for their lands to the intendant in the summer of 1785, notwithstanding they always conceived their titles, grants or claims, by which they hold them, to be as good as any in the state, from a suspicion that others might purchase them, judging their titles not good, and praying a law may pass, directing their bonds given as aforesaid to be given up, and that they may have their lands on equal terms with others the people of this state; was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Sarrit Gray.

A petition from Benjamin Roberts and Hannah Spencer, praying an act may pass to confirm and ratify a verbal contract between Isaac Spencer, lately deceased, and the said Benjamin Roberts, relative to a part of a tract of land in Queen-Anne's county, called Crompton, and a mill and mill-feat thereon; and also to empower the guardian of Isaac Spencer, son and heir of Isaac Spencer, deceased, to appropriate parts of the profits of his estate to complete the engagements entered into by his aforesaid father; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Paca, Mr. Joshua Seney and Mr. Wright, to consider and report thereon.

The report from the committee of elections and privileges, was read the second time and concurred with.

A petition from the grand inquest of Dorchester county, and sundry inhabitants of the said county, praying a stay of execution of the public dues until next spring, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Paca, Mr. Chase, Mr. Shaw, Mr. W. Bowie and Mr. John Seney, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Thomas Jenings, a member of this house, having before his election been retained as counsel to support a petition exhibited by Jonathan Hagar, against Daniel Heester, to this house, it is moved, that on the hearing of the petition, he may have liberty to withdraw and appear as counsel for the petitioner? Determined in the negative.

This house having rejected the following motion, to wit, that on the hearing of the petition of Jonathan Hagar, Thomas Jenings, a member of this house, who was before his election retained as counsel for the said Hagar, have liberty to withdraw and appear as counsel for the petitioner, it is moved, that this house reconsider the same? Determined in the negative.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, November 20, 1786.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. W. Bowie, Mr. Harwood, Mr. Quynn, Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. B. Worthington and Mr. Wallace. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. John De Butts, a delegate returned for Saint Mary's county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took his seat in the house.

A petition from a number of the inhabitants of Cæcil county, praying an act may pass for the immediate removal of the courts of justice from Charles-town to the Head of Elk, was preferred and read.

A petition from Elizabeth Wilson, of Saint Mary's county, praying an act may pass to restore her property heretofore confiscated, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Forrest, Mr. De Butts and Mr. Taney, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to confirm and authorise marriages by the ministers of the society of christians called Methodists. ORDERED, That Mr. Wright, Mr. Cockey and Mr. Johnson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition