

A petition from Lambert Hyland, collector of the tax for Somerset county, praying a further time to complete his collection, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

RESOLVED, That before this house will grant any relief to collectors of the tax, they shall lay before this house a list on oath of the persons names, and several balances due from each person in their counties for the taxes laid under the assessment laws, passed in November, 1783, and 1784.

ORDERED, That the said resolution be published in the Maryland Gazette, and Baltimore Journal.

A petition from James Stewart, a languishing prisoner in Baltimore county gaol, and praying relief, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from Andrew Hook, a languishing prisoner in Baltimore county gaol, and praying relief, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from Elkin Solomon, a languishing prisoner in Baltimore county gaol, and praying relief, and counter petition thereto, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

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

THE committee to whom the petition of Train Ackworth was referred, beg leave to report, that they have just reason to believe the facts set forth in said petition are true ; they therefore are of opinion, that no process should issue against the said Train Ackworth, or his securities, and if any hath issued, the same be immediately countermanded by the attorney-general ; and further, that the attorney-general be directed to take the most speedy and effectual method for the bringing the validity of the claim of Sarah Lenden, the person in possession of the lands mentioned in the said petition, to an issue, and if on a trial it should be found, that the said Sarah Lenden's claim is just, then the bond of the said Train Ackworth be immediately delivered to him ; on the contrary, if the state should make good its claim, then the said Train Ackworth to be put in possession of the land aforesaid, and pay his bond aforesaid agreeably to the tenor thereof, except the interest during the time he has or may be kept out of possession of the land aforesaid. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom the petition of John Carmichael was referred, beg leave to report, that they have just reason to believe the facts set forth in the said petition are true ; they therefore are of opinion, that no process should issue against the said John Carmichael, or his securities, and if any hath issued, the same be immediately countermanded by the attorney-general ; and further, that the attorney-general be directed to take the most speedy and effectual method for the bringing the validity of the claim of Gabriel Walter, the person in possession of the lands mentioned in the said petition, to an issue, and if on a trial it should be found, that the said Gabriel Walter's claim is just, then the bond of the said John Carmichael be immediately delivered to him ; on the contrary, if the state should make good its claim, then the said John Carmichael to be put in possession of the land aforesaid, and pay his bond aforesaid agreeably to the tenor thereof, except the interest during the time he has or may be kept out of possession of the land aforesaid. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Roberts and Hannah Spencer, guardian to her son Isaac, beg leave to report, that they have considered the facts stated in the same petition, and find them to be true, and are of opinion, that the prayer of the petition should be granted ; they therefore recommend, that leave be given to bring in a bill to vest the estate in the twenty-two acres mentioned in the said Isaac Spencer the infant, and the said Benjamin Roberts, as tenants in common in fee-simple, and to authorise the said Hannah Spencer to advance on the part of the said Isaac, her son, such sums of money as will be necessary, with the advancement of equal sums by the said Benjamin, to complete the mills, and other buildings and improvements mentioned in the said petition, agreeably to the intention of the parties in the original contract and agreement, and to discount the sums so by her advanced, upon a settlement of her accounts as guardian to her said son when he shall arrive at full age, or sooner if her guardianship should sooner cease. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Matthews, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to prevent any person from acting as an attorney at law in the county where he is register of wills ; which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Sarah Buchanan, executrix of Archibald Buchanan, and a representation from Alexander Cowan and John Taylor, securities of the said Archibald Buchanan, deceased, (to the state of Maryland for confiscated property purchased by him) and praying an act may pass, empowering the said Sarah Buchanan to sell the real property of her deceased husband for specie certificates, payable in the year 1790 under the consolidating act, for the benefit of the said securities, and other creditors of her said husband ; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Chase, Mr. Gale,

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