

opinion, that these persons, who are within the description of the 16th section of the act to raise the supplies for the year 1786, ought to pay the tax as therein imposed, and in case of opposition, that the said commissioners be empowered to call upon the sheriff, with the power of the county, to compel obedience to the said act. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from John Beall, late collector of Prince-George's county, praying a further time to complete the collection of taxes due for the years 1784 and 1785, and a suspension of the executions against him and his securities, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from Samuel Thomas, collector of the tax for Talbot county in the year 1785, praying a further time to complete his collection, and power to execute those in arrears, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

The following question being propounded to the house, viz. That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to prevent practising attornies from accepting and holding seats in the legislature? The previous question was called for and put, That the said question be now put? Determined in the negative.

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

T U E S D A Y, December 12, 1786.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Chase and Mr. Wheeler, appeared in the house.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Andrew Stoop, beg leave to report, that they have considered the same, and find the allegations therein stated are true, and are of opinion, that a resolve ought to pass this assembly to empower the auditor-general to adjust his account, and grant him a depreciation certificate in the usual manner, for the balance that may be due him, and charge the same to the United States. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a resolution pursuant thereto.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Abraham Reese, beg leave to report, that they have considered the facts stated in the said petition, and are of opinion, that the said Abraham Reese has a fair and just right to the moiety of the said land therein mentioned, and that his said right ought to be confirmed by an act for that purpose. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read,

The report on the petition of George Divenney and William Steele, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Wallace, Mr. Faw and Mr. T. Johnson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Faw, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to enable the securities of Christopher Edelen, deceased, and his administrators, to collect the balances due to him as collector of the taxes, and sheriff, of Frederick county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from John Riely, setting forth, that he served as a private soldier in the army of the United States, and praying to be allowed his final pay, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. J. Johnson, Mr. Joshua Seney and Mr. Funk, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of Abraham Reese, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

William Perry, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolutions respecting Thomas Miles and Richard Carnes, severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 8, 1786: Read and dissented to.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

And a petition from Sarah Adams, of Anne-Arundel county, setting forth, that her brother, Caleb Hazle, in June last, departed this life, leaving four children destitute of the necessities of life, and without friends or relations, except the petitioner, who is a poor woman, and can, with difficulty, support herself; and praying some provision may be made for the support and maintenance of the said children; endorsed; "By the senate, December 12, 1786: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

On the second reading the bill for an emission of bills of credit, agreeably to the order of the day, the question was put, That the words "and the council" be struck out? Determined in the negative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the following, viz. "Provided always, That such approbation of the governor and the council shall not be given for the loan of either of the said three sums of fifty thousand pounds, unless the common and current exchange of the said bills of credit, then in circulation, be at par with gold and silver, and that if the said bills