

chant and grist-mill, and to extend the same from the said mill to the York and Frederick-town road, and to authorise the justices of Frederick county to place the said roads as they may be laid out by the commissioners in the overseers warrants of the different hundreds through which the same may pass, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Bayly, Mr. Mantz and Mr. M'Mechen, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Sherwood, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Marth Catrup, late a collector of the tax for Talbot county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into their consideration, and believe the facts therein stated to be true, and are of opinion that a law ought to pass, agreeable to the prayer of the said petition. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDBER, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to make valid the proceedings of the vestry of Saint Peter's parish, in Talbot county, and other purposes therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Stevens, Mr. Pattison and Mr. Stone, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the more effectual remedy to extinguish fire in Baltimore-town. ORDERED, That Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. M'Mechen and Mr. Ridgely, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

William Perry, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE SENATE, APRIL 21, 1787.

GENTLEMEN,

WE consider the appointment of deputies to meet at Philadelphia in May next, as a matter of the highest importance to the union, and therefore have agreed to the time you mention for the appointment on Monday next: We also agree to the number five as the most proper and convenient number; and in addition to the gentlemen named by you, have nominated Thomas Johnson, William Paca, Samuel Chase and Thomas Stone, Esquires. John Henry and George Gale, Esquires, desire not to be considered in the nomination, as it would not be in their power to attend, even if they should be elected. Peregrine Tilghman and William Harrison, Esquires, are nominated by this house to join the gentlemen named by you to examine the ballot boxes.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from William Steuart, of Somerset county, setting forth, that he was appointed inspector of tobacco at Green-Hill warehouse, in said county, for the year 1786; that said warehouse was feloniously broke open, and two hogsheds of tobacco taken out; that he stands indebted for the said two hogsheds of tobacco, netting two thousand two hundred and sixty-two pounds; that the justices of said county appear willing to give him relief by assessing the loss on the said county, if they had power, and praying that a law may pass for that purpose; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Gale, Mr. F. Bowie and Mr. Quynn, to consider and report thereon.

John Smith, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a memorial from John Brown and Richard Carmichael, of Queen-Anne's county, in behalf of William Carmichael, Esquire, endorsed; "By the senate, April 21, 1787: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was read and referred to Mr. Seney, Mr. Chase and Mr. Johnson, to consider and report thereon.

And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, APRIL 20, 1787.

GENTLEMEN,

WE are very desirous to transact with all possible expedition the business of the present session, and will most cheerfully co-operate with you to bring it to a speedy conclusion. The framing an act of assembly for the relief of private debtors, without interfering with the contracts of individuals, and thereby endangering private and public credit, is a work of considerable difficulty, and requires the joint exertion of both branches of the legislature. If any measure for affording relief to debtors has occurred to you, we shall give it all due consideration, and, if not liable to well grounded objections, will readily adopt it. We are however persuaded, that this subject can be better discussed in a conference between the two houses than in any other manner: Should you coincide with us in opinion, we flatter ourselves this business may be speedily terminated.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. F. Bowie has leave of absence.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 8 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, April 23, 1787.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. F. Bowie and Mr. Nicholls. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Cockey, Mr. Bravard and Mr. Wright, appeared in the house.

On motion, The question was put, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the situation of the public roads, and report the best ways and means for repairing the same? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Taney, appeared as follow:

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