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Mr. Wright, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for quieting the estate of William Carmichael in Rousby's Recovery, and confirming his title to the same; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Job Smith, setting forth, that his property was over-rated in the years, 1782 and 1784, and praying redress; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. M'Mechen and Mr. Owings, to consider and report thereon.

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

Mr. M'Mechen brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to invest Sarah Marshall with power to convey the land therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hopewell, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John De Butts, beg leave to report, that they have considered the same, and find that the design of the said petitioner is to be enabled to dispose of his property to his brother doctor Samuel De Butts, and to his nephew John De Butts Armstrong, and that they be enabled to take and possess the same upon the event of their coming over into this country to settle and reside in it as citizens of this state.

Your committee are of opinion, that the object of the petition is just and reasonable, and that the prayer thereof ought to be granted.

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 bill pursuant thereto.

Mr. Hollingsworth, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the more effectual remedy to extinguish fire in Baltimore-town; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

Samuel Hughes, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from Henry Stevenson, late collector of Baltimore county, praying that he may be put on the same situation with other collectors for the taxes before the consolidating act, and that he may be permitted to give bond, payable to the state in the year 1790; for such balance as may be due from him on a settlement of his account, and also released from the penalty of fifteen per cent. and a petition from the minister, elders and deacons, of the First German presbyterian church in Baltimore-town, praying to be incorporated into a body politic; severally endorsed; "By the senate, April 24, 1787: Read "and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY; clk."

Which were read.

Mr. Quynn brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of William Stewart, of Somerset county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That Mr. Oneale, Mr. Cellars, Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Chase and Mr. Norris, be a committee to consider and report on the petition of the minister, elders and deacons, of the First German presbyterian church in Baltimore-town.

On motion, The question was put on the following: Whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that several collectors of the public tax have not completed their collections agreeable to law, and executions have issued and are about to issue against them and their securities, and from the great scarcity of specie, the legislature are induced to grant them a further indulgence; therefore RESOLVED, That no execution shall issue against any collector aforesaid, or their securities, and if issued, that the same be suspended for and during this present session of assembly. The year and days being called for by Mr. Wright, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E

Messrs.	Hopewell,	Taney,	M'Pherson,	Gale,	Mantz,	Cellars,
	Forrest,	Grahame,	Stone,	R. Bond,	Bayly,	Funk,
	N. Worthington,	Gantt,	Owings,	Digges,	Norris,	Burgefs,
	Chafe,	Dent,	Cockey,	Quynn,	Hollingsworth,	Holmes.
	B. Worthington,	Turner,	Ridgely,	Faw,	M'Mechen,	29.

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Messrs.	Perkins,	Fitzhugh,	Stevens,	Bravard,	P. Mitchell,	Lockerman,
	Miller,	Roberts,	Hooper,	Paca,	Purnell,	Hardcastle,
	Wright,	Sherwood,	Pattison,	John Seney,	Henry,	Oneale.
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So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the senate by Mr. N. Worthington.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. Paca and Mr. Dent, be added to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

Peregrine Tilghman, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE SENATE, APRIL 24, 1787.

GENTLEMEN,

YOU have not been pleased, in your message of yesterday by Mr. Ridgely, to state how far, or in what manner you conceive it may be necessary to interfere with the private contracts of individuals;