

als; and although we still retain our opinion, that in a commercial country, and in time of peace, when all possible encouragement should be given to the arts of industry, we ought, with great caution (if at all) to interfere with such contracts, yet, being extremely desirous to afford relief to distressed private debtors, if it can be done without risking consequences more injurious to the community than those which may result from their distress, we have appointed Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, John Hall and William Perry, Esquires, to meet in conference the gentlemen nominated by your house.

J. DORSEY, clk.

By order,

Which was read.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met. Mr. Shaw appeared in the house.

The report on the petition of William Frisby and Sarah Hanson, was read the second time and concurred with.

Whereas William Frisby and Sarah Hanson, of Kent county, by their petition to this general assembly, have set forth, that John Page, of the said county, one of the guardians of Elizabeth Hanson (who intermarried with the said William Frisby) and Sarah Hanson, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-two, paid to John Vorhees, deputy-commissary of Kent county, the quantity of fifty-four bushels of wheat in discharge of the taxes that were due from him as guardian aforesaid, which he never had any credit for, although the state received the wheat so delivered; that the certificate issued by the said John Vorhees, was lost or mislaid, which was the cause that the account of the collector was not credited; and the said facts appearing to this general assembly to be true, therefore, RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore shall, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to issue a certificate to William Frisby and Sarah Hanson for the sum of twenty pounds five shillings current money, to be discounted in any public taxes due, or that may become due.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Perkins.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for enabling the creditors on the consolidating fund to take certificates for their interest, payable for taxes. ORDERED, That Mr. Paca, Mr. Chafe and Mr. B. Worthington, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill for quieting the estate of William Carmichael in Rousby's Recovery, and confirming his title to the same, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative. Sent to the senate by Mr. Seney.

Mr. De Butts, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable tobacco; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Anderson, of Baltimore county, having taken the same into consideration, beg leave to report, that if the petitioner's title in the land stated in the petition be defective, the legal right must be in William Wyle, son of Luke Wyle, who, by a certificate endorsed on the said petition, testifies his desire that the petitioner's title may be confirmed; but the right being in himself, on supposition the petitioner's title be defective, a deed of confirmation or release by the said William Wyle to the said petitioner, would cure the defect, and make him a complete title, without the aid of an act of assembly; your committee therefore are of opinion that there is no necessity to grant the prayer of the said petition. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

A. GOLDER, clk.

By order,

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the members of the German calvenist church in Baltimore-town, beg leave to report, that they have examined the allegations therein contained, and find the prayer of their petition reasonable, and are of opinion that a law should pass, incorporating them for the purposes in their petition mentioned, agreeably to the constitution of Maryland. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

A. GOLDER, clk.

By order,

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Stevenson, late collector of Baltimore county, beg leave to report, that they have examined the allegations therein contained, and find them true, and are of opinion that he ought to receive the benefit of the act of November 1785, chap. 63, entitled, An act relative to the arrearages of taxes due the state before the first day of January, 1783, and likewise that he be released from the payment of the penalty of fifteen per cent. interest, provided he gives bond and security for the payment of the balance due, with interest of six per cent. until he bonds agreeably to the act aforesaid, on or before the first day of June next. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

A. GOLDER, clk.

By order,

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.