

Mr. Pattison, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to make valid the proceedings of the commissioners of the tax for Dorchester county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be requested to draw on the treasurer of the western shore for such sums of money as they may deem necessary to defray the expence to be incurred by sending to the gentlemen appointed to meet the convention to be held at Philadelphia a notification of their appointment.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Purnell.

A petition from Hannah Bishop, of Worcester county, praying a law may pass to enable her to sell and dispose of a tract of land in said county known by the name of Philip's Adventure, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Purnell, Mr. M'Mechen and Mr. Wright, to consider and report thereon.

George Gale, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolution authorising the governor and council to draw on the treasurer for a sum of money to defray the expence of sending to the gentlemen appointed to meet in convention at Philadelphia, endorsed; "By the senate, April 24, 1787: Read and assented to."

J. DORSEY, clk."

"By order,

Upon the second reading of the report on the petition of Henry Stevenson, late collector of Baltimore county, RESOLVED, That he receive the benefit and advantage of the act of November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, entitled, An act relative to the arrearages of taxes due the state before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, and likewise that he be released from the payment of the penalty of fifteen per cent. interest, provided he gives bond and good security for the payment of the balance due by him to the state, with interest of six per cent. per annum from the time the said money became due until he shall actually bond as aforesaid, agreeable to the act aforesaid, on or before the first day of June next.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Digges.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to ascertain the allowance to the members of the general assembly, to defray the expences of their attendance. ORDERED, That Mr. Johnson, Mr. M'Mechen and Mr. De Butts, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The report on the petition of the members of the German calvenist church, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Wright and Mr. Hollingsworth, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. De Butts, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to ascertain the allowance to the members of the general assembly, to defray the expences of their attendance; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, April 25, 1787.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Joshua Seney appeared in the house.

ORDERED, That Mr. Johnson, Mr. Chase and Mr. Paca, be a committee to consider and report on the petitions of John Brown and Thomas Smith.

The report on the petition of William Marsh Catrup, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Joshua Seney, Mr. Roberts and Mr. Stevens, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A memorial from the elders of the Queen-Anne's county presbyterian congregation, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Joshua Seney, Mr. Paca and Mr. Norris, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Hopewell brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Jane Nicols; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill for the more effectual remedy to extinguish fire in Baltimore-town, was read the second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Hollingsworth.

Mr. Polk appeared in the house.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolution in favour of Henry Stevenson, late collector of Baltimore county, endorsed; "By the senate, April 25, 1787: Read and assented to."

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

And a petition from William Banckes, sheriff of Caroline county, setting forth, that at the preceding March court, when the commission to the justices was opened, of them that were present only one accepted the office, by which means the court fell, with the judicial docket unsettled; that on the 25th of March last, the gaol was totally destroyed by fire, and that sundry persons confined therein for debt are now at large, and praying a law may pass to revive the proceedings of said court, and that a place of security for the confinement of debtors and felons may be provided until a gaol can be built; endorsed; "By the senate, April 25, 1787: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates."

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

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