

T H U R S D A Y, April 26, 1787.

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

The bill for the relief of William Steuart, of Somerset county, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Adams.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Banckes, sheriff of Caroline county, beg leave to report, that they have examined into the allegations stated in the said petition, and find them to be true, and are of opinion that an act of assembly ought to be passed agreeably to the prayer of the same. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

The bill to invest Sarah Marshall with power to convey the land therein mentioned, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

A petition from Thomas Seon Sudler, of Somerset county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Adams, Mr. Gantt and Mr. Stewart, to consider and report thereon.

William Perry, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolution respecting collectors of the public taxes, endorsed; "By the senate, April 26, 1787: Read and dissented to.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

A petition from Benjamin Stevens, of Talbot county, attorney in fact and agent for Henry Nicholls, praying a law may pass, suspending all further proceedings by the commissioners appointed by an act passed at November session 1785, entitled, An act to erect a town in Talbot county, until the said Henry Nicholls can be provided with proper plots and certificates of the situation of his lands, the quantity and situation to be affected by the said law, the contiguity of the neighbouring lands exempt from the operation and effect of the said law, and be heard by his counsel at the bar of the house, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Roberts, Mr. Joshua Seney, Mr. Pattison, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Wright, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petitions of sundry languishing prisoners in Baltimore gaol, beg leave to report, that they have examined the allegations therein contained, and are of opinion that Mark Alexander, Amos Ogden, John N. Bailey, Adam Braitenoder, and John Richmond, schoolmaster, are objects of mercy, and that the prayer of their petitions ought to be granted; that Thomas Rositer, a petitioner, has regularly given notice of his intention to apply for an act of insolvency; and that William Lavelly, one of his creditors, has petitioned against his receiving the benefit of an act, alleging fraud against the said Rositer, and desires to be heard at the bar of the house upon the subject. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Paca, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for enabling the creditors on the consolidated fund to take certificates for their interest, payable for taxes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The report on the petition of William Banckes, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Joshua Seney, Mr. Dent, Mr. Polk, Mr. Wright and Mr. Hardcastle, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

John Hall, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to make valid the proceedings of the commissioners of the tax for Dorchester county, endorsed; "By the senate, April 25, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, April 26, 1787: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Stevens, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to revive and make valid the proceedings of the vestry of Saint Peter's parish, in Talbot county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The report on the petitions of sundry languishing prisoners in Baltimore gaol, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. McMechen, Mr. Norris and Mr. De Butts, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On the second reading the petition of Thomas Rositer, and the counter petition thereto of William Lavelly, a creditor of said Rositer, ORDERED, That this house will take order therein on Tuesday next, and that the said parties have notice thereof, that they may attend, if they think proper.

Mr. McMechen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors confined in Baltimore county gaol; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of the Queen-Anne's county presbyterian congregation, beg leave to report, that they have inquired into the allegations stated in the said me-