

morial, and finding them to be true are of opinion, that an act of assembly ought to pass, agreeably to the prayer thereof. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

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.

The petition of John Rawlings, a languishing prisoner confined in Cæcil county gaol, (referred from the last to the present session) was read and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from Abraham Broom and John Johnson, of Cæcil county, setting forth, that they have been sued for debts which they owe, and are unable to pay; that they are willing to appoint assignees to deliver their property for the sole use of their creditors, and praying that they may be discharged from said debts, as it is out of their power to do any thing more for the benefit of their creditors; was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

The report on the memorial of the Queen-Anne's county presbyterian congregation, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Joshua Seney, Mr. Shaw, Mr. John Seney, Mr. Digges and Mr. Polk, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The report on the petition of the justices and other inhabitants of Frederick county, (referred from the last to the present session) was read and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Faw, Mr. Mantz and Mr. Quynn, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Patrick Hamilton, late collector for Cæcil county, praying to be allowed for a sum of money collected by one of his deputies, who is now insolvent, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Wright, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Dent, Mr. Bond and Mr. Howard, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to invest Sarah Marshall with power to convey the land therein mentioned, was sent to the senate by Mr. Gale.

Mr. Roberts, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of William Marth Catrup, late collector of the taxes for Talbot county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

John Smith, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from Thomas Stone, declining to serve as a deputy to meet the convention to be held at Philadelphia; and a memorial from Samuel Chase, respecting certain confiscated property purchased by him; endorsed; "By the senate, April 26, 1787: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which were read, and the memorial referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Benjamin Nicholson, to consider and report thereon.

On consideration of the petition and counter petition from the inhabitants of Caroline county, respecting the public buildings in said county, the question was put, That they be referred to the next session of assembly? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, the question was put, That the above question be reconsidered? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Messieurs Hopewell,	Harwood,	Owings,	Stewart,	Bravard,	Faw,
Ferrest,	Fitzhugh,	Roberts,	Adams,	John Seney,	Norris,
Perkins,	Turner,	Sherwood,	Pattison,	Joshua Seney,	Hollingsworth,
Wright,	Stone,	Stevens,	R. Bond,	P. Mitchell,	Harcastle. 24.
N E G A T I V E.					
Messieurs Miller,	Dent,	Polk,	Quynn,	Mantz,	Funk,
Taney,	M'Pherson,	Shaw,	Parnell,	Loockerman,	Oneale,
Grahame,	Cockey,	Digges,	Henry,	Cellars,	Nicholls. 20.
Gantt,	Ridgely,				

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill to determine by election the place where the court-house and prison of Caroline county shall be built? Resolved in the affirmative. ORDERED, That Mr. Loockerman, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Paca, Mr. M'Mechen and Mr. Norris, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Hopewell brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to enable John De Butts to devise lands to his relations on the condition therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 8 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, April 27, 1787.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Hooper. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Hooper is excused for absenting himself without leave.

A petition