

A petition from William Whiteley and Henry Downes, of Caroline county, praying a law may pass to revive the proceedings of said county, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed to prepare a bill to determine at what place the public buildings of Caroline county shall be erected.

The bill for the relief of Jane Nicols, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Hopewell.

Mr. M'Meichen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for incorporating the German reformed congregation in Baltimore-town; which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. M'Meichen.

Richard Ridgely, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a memorial from William Stone, Smith and Morton, and others, of Baltimore county, setting forth, that they have experienced great injustice from the act imposing a duty on rum, other liquors and sugars, according to the invoice or quantity specified at the port where the same is shipped; that frequently in the course of voyages great waste arises from leakage and other causes, so that the quantity specified in the cargoes shipped are greatly lessened; and praying that a law may pass, making provision that no duty shall be demanded for a greater quantity of spirituous liquors and sugars imported than shall be ascertained by the sworn gauger and weigh-masters in Baltimore-town: A petition from Robert Stewart, setting forth, that he purchased of the commissioners for the preservation of confiscated British property, 150 acres of land, at the rate of £. 6 3 0 per acre, payable in continental state money; that on the 20th day of August, 1782, he procured the sum of £. 983 2 4 of the aforesaid money, and intrusted a certain Philip Thomas with the same, who promised to pay it into the treasury, and take up his bonds granted for said lands; that the said Thomas, instead of applying the same to his use, applied it to purposes of his own; and as the said Thomas has since died a bankrupt, he is not only rendered incapable of complying with his contract, but will be undoubtedly ruined, unless relieved; and praying to be released from the said contract, or that such other relief may be granted to him as shall appear reasonable: And a petition from William Stone, respecting the brigantine Friendship, chartered to the council of safety in the year 1775; severally endorsed; "By the senate, April 27, 1787: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

Which were read, and the petition of William Stone, Smith and Morton, and others, referred to Mr. Wright, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Joshua Seney; the petition of Robert Stewart to Mr. M'Meichen, Mr. Stone, Mr. Miller, Mr. Harwood and Mr. Ridgely; and the petition of William Stone to Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Chase, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Stone and Mr. Hellingworth, to consider and report thereon.

The bill for the benefit of Anne Dent and Theodore Dent, of Charles county, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. M'Pherson.

The bill to enable John De Butts to devise lands to his relations on the condition therein mentioned, was read the second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Abell.

A petition from John Jroin, a languishing prisoner, (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 Thomas Gift, junior, of Baltimore county, respecting certain confiscated British property purchased by him in continental state money, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Benjamin Nicholson, to consider and report thereon.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Charles county, respecting the turning of a road leading from Port-Tobacco-town to the old court-house, through the land of the reverend Leonard Neale, and the remonstrance of sundry inhabitants of the said county against the same, (referred from the last to the present session) were read.

Mr. Owings has leave of absence.

The bill to revive and make valid the proceedings of the vestry of Saint Peter's parish, in Talbot county, was read the second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Stevens.

The bill for the relief of William Marsh Catrup, late collector of the taxes for Talbot county, was read the second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Roberts.

A petition from Samuel Ball, of Caroline county, a languishing prisoner in the gaol of said county, praying for relief, and a counter petition thereto from Charles Daffin, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Forrest has leave of absence till Monday next. Mr. Miller is excused for departing the house without leave.

Daniel Carroll, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the supplement to the act to prohibit the bringing slaves into this state, 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 27, 1787: Read the second time and will not pass.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

The bill for the more effectual remedy to extinguish fire in Baltimore-town, endorsed; "By the senate, April 25, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk.

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