

By the COMMITTEE to whom was referred the petition of Henry Rozer, and Eleanor his wife, Francis Hall, and Martha his wife, and of Eleanor Rozer, the younger.

YOUR committee pray leave to report, that they have examined into the facts contained in the said petition, and find that a deed was made by the petitioners, Henry Rozer and his wife, for the purpose of conveying the lands in the petition mentioned to the uses therein specified, that the said deed being inartificially drawn, whereby the intention of the parties making the same is in danger of being frustrated, and Edward Neale, the trustee in the deed nominated, being dead, your committee think it reasonable that an act should pass for settling the lands agreeable to the prayer of the petition. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

A petition from Josephus B. Waters, a languishing prisoner in Montgomery county gaol, praying an act may pass to liberate his person from confinement on the usual terms, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of George Mason, William Mason and Robert Lawson, do report, that, in considering the premises, the committee are of opinion that the legislature of Maryland never meant to preclude the citizens of any of the United States from the same privileges in this state as are enjoyed by the citizens thereof in any of the United States; that by the act to prohibit the bringing slaves into this state, doubts may arise whether or not the citizens of the adjacent states are precluded from bringing such slaves into this state as may become their property by descent, devise, gift of parents, or marriage, for the purpose of cultivating their lands within this state; your committee are therefore of opinion that the said petition is reasonable, and that an act ought to pass, for the relief of the petitioners, agreeable to the prayer thereof. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and the question put, That the same be concurred with? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Taney, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

De Batts,	M'Pherson,	Stevens,	Pattison,	Quynn,	Henry,
Harwood,	Stone,	Stewart,	F. Bowie,	John Seney,	Norris,
N. Worthington,	Cockey,	Snaw,	Digges,	P. Mitchell,	Holmes.
Turner,					19.

N E G A T I V E.

Abell,	Roberts,	R. Bond,	Purnell,	Loockerman,	Funk,
Williams,	Sherwood,	Bravard,	Mantz,	Hardcastle,	Burgefs,
Wright,	Palk,	Joshua Seney,	Bayly,	Cellars,	Oneale.
Taney,					19.

The house being equally divided, the question was determined in the affirmative by the honourable Speaker, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

Peregrine Titchman, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from his excellency the governor of this day, enclosing a letter from the secretary of congress, and sundry resolutions of congress respecting the treaty of peace between the United States and his Britannic majesty, and a letter to his excellency from congress on the same subject, all of the 13th April, 1787, endorsed; "By the senate, April 28, 1787: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which were read.

Also a bill, entitled, An act to repeal all the acts, or parts of acts, of assembly of this state, which are repugnant to the treaty of peace between the United States of America and his Britannic majesty; endorsed; "By the senate, April 28, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, April 28, 1787: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

George Gale, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to invest Sarah Marshall with power to convey the land therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, April 26, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, April 28, 1787: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

A petition from Simon Nicholls, of Montgomery county, setting forth, that by act of November session, 1786, the collection of the tax in Montgomery county was restored to him, upon the condition of his entering into bond with security to be approved by the treasurer; that in pursuance of the said act, he did enter into bond for the balance of taxes appearing due, with four other persons as his securities, which said bond he produced to the treasurer, who declined to approve of the security, alleging that the real property of the said securities, and of him, did not in value cover the arrears appearing