

appearing due, and the interest thereon; and praying that the sufficiency of the said security may be admitted: A petition from Robert Peacock, of the city of Glasgow, in Great-Britain, praying that certain property of his, which was confiscated and sold as British property, may be restored to him: And a petition from John Troup, of Baltimore-town, praying that his land in the vicinity of Talbot court-house may be exempt from the operation of the act, entitled, An act to erect a town in Talbot county; severally 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, and the petition of Simon Nicholls referred to Mr. Stone, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Oneale and Mr. Quynn; the petition of Robert Peacock to Mr. Stone, Mr. Wright and Mr. Taney; and the petition of John Troup to the committee appointed on the petition of Benjamin Stevens, to consider and report thereon.

A memorial from Thomas Rutland, of Anne-Arundel county, respecting certain duties, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Chafe, Mr. Stone 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 petition of Jane Roberts, widow, and Thomas Roberts, the eldest son of John Roberts, late of Philadelphia county, miller, in behalf of themselves, and of John, Hannah, Sarah, Mary, Jane; Thomasin, Elizabeth and Anne Roberts, other children of the said John Roberts, beg leave to report, that they have inquired into the facts stated in the said petition, and find that the said John Roberts owned one fourth of Elk forge, in Cæcil county, and the mills and lands thereunto belonging, and that a certain Thomas May owns the remaining three fourths. They also find that the commissioners of this state for the sale and preservation of confiscated British property, upon the conviction of the said John Roberts for treason, considered his said one fourth as confiscated property, and the said Thomas May gave his bond to the said commissioners to take care of and preserve the same for the state.

Your committee further report, that the said John Roberts, being a citizen of the state of Pennsylvania, and there convicted of treason, his conviction does not involve a forfeiture of his property here, and that the state has no right to the same by any of our laws; and therefore they are of opinion, that the said bond given as aforesaid by the said Thomas May, ought to be given up and cancelled, and the said one fourth of the forge, mills and lands aforesaid, given up and restored to the said Thomas Roberts, heir at law of the said John.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

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

Mr. Chafe brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following resolution:

On the second reading the petition of Jane Roberts, and others, RESOLVED, That the bond given by Thomas May, respecting the property of John Roberts, late of the state of Pennsylvania, be cancelled and delivered up to Thomas Roberts, heir of the said John Roberts.

Which was read the first and second time and assented to.

The order of the day for a second reading of the bill respecting insolvent debtors, is postponed till Monday next.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the town of Talbot, counter to the petition of Benjamin Stevens, agent for Henry Nicholls, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Benjamin Stevens, to consider and report thereon.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 8 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, April 30, 1787.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Nicholls and Mr. Ridgely. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Gibson appeared in the house.

ORDERED, That Mr. Holmes be added to the committee appointed on the petition of Simon Nicholls.

Mr. Loockerman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to determine by election where the court-house and prison of Caroline county shall be built; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The resolution respecting Thomas Roberts, was sent to the senate by Mr. Grahame.

Mr. Speaker lays before the house letters from Robert H. Harrison and Thomas Sim Lee, Esquires, notifying their acceptance of the appointment as deputies to meet the convention to be held at Philadelphia in May next; which were read.

Mr. Bayly has leave of absence.

On the second reading, agreeably to the order of the day, the bill respecting insolvent debtors, the question was put, That debtors above five hundred pounds current money may apply to the chancellor? &c. 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	Perkins,	Roberts,	R. Bond,	Joshua Seney,	Hardcastle,	Burgess,
	Wright,	Sherwood,	Bravard,	Purnell,	Cellars,	Oneale,
	B. Worthington,	Gibson,	Paca,	Norris,	Funk,	Holmes.
	Cockey,	Shaw,	John Seney,			

NEGATIVE.