

And also a bill, entitled, An act for vesting an estate for life in Henry Rozer, and estates in fee-simple in Eleanor Rozer, the daughter of Thomas Whittenhall, Rozer, deceased, and in the heirs of Notley Rozer, son of the said Henry Rozer, in sundry lands therein mentioned; 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 a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the Queen-Anne's county presbyterian congregation, and to invest in them certain parcels of land; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Morton, of Montgomery county, beg leave to report, that they have inquired into the facts therein stated, and find that Henry Hunter, by his last will and testament, directed the lands in question to be sold by his executor, and the monies arising from such sale to be distributed between his wife Susanna, and his children, in the proportion of one third to his said wife, and the residue to his said children; that Daniel Hunter, the executor named in the said will, refused to act, or to make sale of the said lands, agreeably to the directions of the testator; that Susanna Hunter, the widow of the said Henry, took out letters of administration with the will annexed, and, conceiving she had thereby sufficient power, proceeded to make public sale of the said lands, and the said Daniel Hunter being the highest bidder, the lands were struck off to him for the sum of £. 1350; that the said Daniel Hunter sold the said lands to a certain Paul Dorst, who sold the same to the petitioner, Thomas Morton; that the said Henry Hunter, in his life-time, was indebted to the said Dorst in the sum of £. 335; for money borrowed of the said Dorst by the said Daniel for the use of the said Henry, which debt the petitioner, since his said purchase, paid on behalf of the estate of the said Henry Hunter, and bonded to the widow for the balance of the aforesaid purchase money, whereof he hath since paid about £. 200.

Your committee further report, that the said sale appears to them to have been fairly made, and the said sum of £. 1350 to be the value thereof; but as the said sale was made without legal authority, the letters of administration to the said Susanna not conferring a power to sell, your committee are of opinion that an act should pass enabling the said Susanna, who hath since intermarried with a certain Zadock Griffith, to convey the said lands to the petitioner in as full and ample manner as she might have done had she been authorised by the will aforesaid, he giving bond with good security to the orphans court, or such guardian as they may appoint, to pay the childrens just proportion of the money due upon the sale aforesaid.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Turner has leave of absence.

ORDERED, That the bill for the trial of facts in the counties where they arise, have a second reading on Wednesday next.

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

T U E S D A Y, May 1, 1787.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Bayly. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. M^cMechen appeared in the house.

A petition from Peter Green and Bennett Hamilton, of Charles county, securities of Edward Green, junior, one of the deputy-collectors for said county, respecting the arrearages of taxes due from the said deputy-collector, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Wright, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Dent, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Isaac Redgraves, one of the securities of Thomas Boyer, late collector of Kent county, setting forth, that the said Boyer died before he had completed his collection of the tax for the year 1785; that he was appointed to collect the residue within a time limited; that by reason of the uncommon scarcity of specie, and an idea entertained by the people that the payment of all taxes was suspended for a time by an act of the last session, he was unable to collect the same within the time limited; that judgment for a large sum, on account thereof, was obtained against him at the last general court; and praying for further time to collect the said arrears, and that no execution should issue against him or his securities in consequence of said judgment; was preferred and read.

A petition from William Rafin, of Kent county, one of the securities of Thomas Boyer, late collector of the said county for the year 1784, praying for relief, was preferred and read.

Mr. Speaker lays before the house a letter from James M^cHenry, Esquire, notifying his acceptance of the appointment of a deputy to meet the convention to be held at Philadelphia in May next; which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the adjournment of the court of appeals, and of the general court for the western shore. ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. Johnson and Mr. M^cMechen, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill to incorporate the Queen-Anne's county presbyterian congregation, and to vest in them certain parcels of land, was read the second time by especial order and passed.

The bill for vesting an estate for life in Henry Rozer, and estates in fee-simple in Eleanor Rozer, the daughter of Thomas Whittenhall, Rozer, deceased, and in the heirs of Notley Rozer, son of the said Henry Rozer, in sundry lands therein mentioned, was read the second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. John Seney, together with the bill to incorporate the Queen-Anne's county presbyterian congregation, &c.