

or sums of money or tobacco due on contract, and not to actions of replevin, detinue, trover and conversion, or slander, or to actions of trespass, or for assault and battery, or imprisonment, or to such actions where the title or boundaries of land shall or may come in question."

Which were read.

And the bill empowering George Mason, William Mason and Robert Lawson, of the commonwealth of Virginia, to remove slaves thence into this state under the restrictions therein mentioned; endorsed; "By the senate, May 4, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, May 4, 1787: Read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

The order of the day, for the second reading the report from the committee appointed to report the sums of money necessary to be raised by this state, the sums paid by this state to congress on their requisitions, the produce of the revenue, as well as the balances due thereon, and their opinion as to the means of raising the necessary supplies, is postponed till to-morrow.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Stevens, of Talbot county, attorney in fact and agent for Henry Nicholls, now of the city of London, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into their consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of said petition ought not to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

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

S A T U R D A Y, May 5, 1787.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill for the relief of Thomas Morton, of Montgomery county, was read the second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Burgess.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Troup, of Baltimore-town, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into their consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of said petition ought not to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

The report on the petition of Benjamin Stevens, of Talbot county, was read the second time and concurred with.

A petition from Oliver Evans, of Newcastle county in the state of Delaware, praying a law may pass, granting him the exclusive right of making and selling, for a term of years, certain machines of his invention for the lessening of the manual attendance of merchant and grist-mills, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Cellars, Mr. Perkins, Mr. T. Johnson and Mr. Wright, to consider and report thereon.

The house proceeded to take into consideration the order of the day, and the report from the committee appointed to report the sums of money necessary to be raised by this state, &c. was read the second time, and after some time spent in debate thereon, the house adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

A petition from Sarah Buchanan, of Baltimore county, praying a law may pass, authorizing persons to sell the real estate of her deceased husband, which is now under execution, upon credit, to discharge a debt due from her said husband to the state, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed to consider and report on the petition of Benjamin Nicholson.

A petition from John Stevens, late collector of the tax for Dorchester county, praying to be released from the payment of interest due from him as collector aforesaid, was preferred, read, and referred to the consideration of the next session of assembly.

The further consideration of the order of the day is postponed till to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the bill to repeal all the acts, or parts of acts, of assembly of this state, which are repugnant to the treaty, &c. have a second reading on Monday next.

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

S U N D A Y, May 6, 1787.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Sherwood is excused for departing the house without leave.

A petition from Horatio Middleton, James Russell, Samuel Tubman, William Cox, Thomas H. Luckett, Basil Robey and Francis Ware, securities of Charles Mankin, late collector for Charles county, setting forth, that their property has been taken in execution by writ of fieri facias for arrearages due the state by the said collector, which, if immediately exposed to sale, will not sell for one half its real value; and praying that the said collector may have a further time to complete the collection