

The report on the memorial of fundry merchants, relative to particular duties, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.
Mr. Speaker lays before the house a letter from Robert Hanson Harrison, Esquire, of this day, intimating, that the ill state of his health obliges him to decline acting as a deputy to meet the convention to be held at Philadelphia for the purpose of revising the federal constitution; which was read.

Richard Ridgely, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to lay out several turnpike roads in Baltimore county, and the bill to appoint commissioners to make a correct survey of the town of Upper-Marlborough, severally endorsed; "By the senate, May 11, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk.
"By the senate, May 12, 1787: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.
"By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

Which were ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. M'Pherson brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Belain Posey; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 8 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, May 14, 1787.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Chase, Mr. F. Bowie, Mr. Gantt and Mr. Gale. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

A petition from Thomas Alexander Thompson, setting forth, that he was employed by the commissioners of confiscated property to take care of certain property for the use of the state, and that thereby he incurred considerable expence, and praying for compensation, was preferred, read, and the question put, That it be referred to a committee? Determined in the negative.

A memorial from Henry Shryock, late collector of the tax for Washington county, praying a further time to complete the collection of the arrearages of taxes for the year 1785, was preferred and read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of Thomas Rutland, do report, that it appears to your committee that the said Thomas Rutland did, on the first day of February, 1786, agreeably to an award entered into, made and confirmed, between the said Thomas Rutland and John Petty, on behalf of Yates and Petty, convey and transfer to the said John Petty, for Yates and Petty, a considerable amount in goods, vessels, debts, &c. conditioned, that the said Petty should pay certain claims against the said Rutland; and it further appears to your committee, that the sum of fifteen hundred pounds current money, then due to the naval officer at Annapolis for duties on goods imported, was part of the sum for which the said Petty became liable to pay for the said Rutland, as will more fully appear by the petition of the said Petty, presented to the general assembly, 18th February, 1786.

Your committee do further report, that the general assembly, in consequence of the petition of the said Petty, did grant to him an indulgence until the first day of June, 1786, to pay the said duties, on the said Petty entering into good and sufficient bond with security to the state for the same; that it appears to your committee, that the said Petty never did enter into bond to the state for the payment of the duties, agreeably to the tenor of his petition, and the indulgence given to him by the state; and that your committee are informed by the naval officer, that the said Petty hath paid the sum of two hundred and twelve pounds ten shillings, part of the aforesaid sum of fifteen hundred, for which no bond was given either by the said Rutland or said Petty; and it further appears to your committee, that the said Rutland has been lately executed for the amount of the said duties, for which his bond was given to the naval officer at Annapolis, to his very great injury and distress of himself and securities.

Your committee therefore, on mature consideration of the case of the said Rutland, are fully of opinion, that the said Rutland merits, and is entitled to, the interposition of the legislature for his relief, as the state, by granting indulgence to the said Petty, and admitting him as responsible for the said duties, did impliedly release the said Rutland from the payment of the said duties, and therefore the state ought to have recourse to the said Petty for the said duties, and the execution issued against the said Rutland ought to be quashed.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of fundry inhabitants of Charles county, respecting the turning of a road, and the counter remonstrance thereto, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

ORDERED, That Mr. Stone, Mr. Dent and Mr. M'Pherson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Wallace appeared in the house.

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