

On motion, ORDERED, That the said bill be committed for amendment.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to empower Sarah Buchanan, executrix of Archibald Buchanan, deceased, and —, to sell and dispose of certain lands for the purpose herein after mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Paca, Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Chafe and Mr. T. Johnson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. M'Mechen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the said bill; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom were referred the memorials of William Fitzhugh, of Calvert county, Eleanor Dent, Henry Dent and George Dent, of Charles county, beg leave to report, that they have taken into consideration the several allegations stated in the said memorials respectively, and cannot but feel great concern for the heavy loss which your committee are satisfied hath been sustained by each of the memorialists through the wanton devastations of our then British enemies. It appears probable to your committee, that the zeal with which the said William Fitzhugh, and the late George Dent, deceased, exerted themselves in behalf of an injured country, occasioned that destruction of their property which they have stated.

Your committee are fully convinced, that their cases highly merit the interposition of the legislature, but regret that the present embarrassed situation of the state, and the many restitutions made of property justly forfeited by men inimical to the liberties of this country, render a proper relief, at this time, impracticable.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

ORDERED, That the accounts of the general court clerks for the western and eastern shores, be referred to the consideration of the next session of assembly, that the said clerks respectively appear before this house on the tenth day thereof, and then produce a copy of the oaths taken by them in pursuance of the act for the regulation of officers fees.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

John Smith, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolutions respecting the lands to the westward of Fort Cumberland, endorsed; "By the senate, May 21, 1787: Read and assented to.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

And the bill respecting insolvent debtors, endorsed; "By the senate, May 20, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, May 21, 1787: Read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the first line of the fifth page, after the word "judgment," strike out to the word "hereafter" in the second line of same page. After the word "witnesses," in the last line of the eleventh page, insert "not being creditors." In the eleventh line of the twelfth page, after the word "witnesses," insert "not being creditors." After the word "insolvent," in the second line from the bottom of the twelfth page, insert "and if any defendant, indebted to the amount, in the whole, of more than three hundred pounds current money, shall be committed, and remain committed for the full space of thirty days, either for want of special bail, or in execution, and shall for that time actually remain in gaol, the creditor, at whose suit he was so committed, having laid before the chancellor an authenticated copy or certificate of such commitment, with an affidavit of the sheriff, gaoler, or other credible person, that the defendant hath laid in gaol as aforesaid, under commitment, and still continues a prisoner by virtue thereof, the chancellor may declare such prisoner insolvent." In the second line of the thirteenth page, after "any," insert "prisoner or other." In the eighth line, same page, after "any," insert "prisoner or other." In the second line of the fourteenth page, after "any," insert "prisoner or other." In the third line from the bottom of the sixteenth page, after the word "decided," strike out to the end of the clause, and insert "except as to notice to creditors, which shall be given, in case the debtor is in custody, by advertisement set up at the court-house and prison doors, ten days previous to the meeting of the court in course, or by adjournment; and in case the debtor shall not be in custody, then shall notice of such application be given as aforesaid, and also published in the Maryland Gazette and Baltimore Journal, six weeks previous to such meeting of the court, and if such debtor not in custody, resides on the eastern shore, he shall also cause such notice as aforesaid to be given in the public paper printed in Chester-town." In the first line of the eighteenth page, after "also," insert "to."

Which were read.

The journal of accounts, was read the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate by Mr. Faw.

ORDERED, That the committee of claims be directed to prepare and bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts.

Mr. Faw, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the said bill; which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Purnell.