

Mr. M'Mechen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :
 THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Abraham Larich, beg leave to report, that they have examined the allegations therein contained, and are of opinion that they are truly stated ; that the said William Piper, by his last will and testament, did bequeath part of his property to the reverend William Otterbine, and the elders of the church under his care, for the use of said church ; that by the declaration of rights, section thirty-four, the said devise is void, unless aided by the legislature.

Your committee further are of opinion, that an act ought to pass to make valid the said devise, as the constitution points out.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, December 6, 1787.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. William Holmes, a delegate returned for Montgomery county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took his seat in the house. Mr. Gough appeared in the house.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Edward Green, senior, beg leave to report, that the facts set forth in the said petition are true ; that of the sum due from Edward Green, junior, to Benjamin Cawood, the collector, £.172 15 6½ principal, besides the interest thereon, arose on his collection of fees, and therefore is or must be paid by the principal in specie ; that the said Cawood hath given bond in the treasury under the consolidating act, and the act of seventeen hundred and eighty-five, for the balance due from him to the public as collector, and hath paid, or is liable to pay, the interest in specie, nor can avail himself in the payment of certificates but so far as the taxes have been or shall be received in certificates ; and therefore, whilst the principal is subject to the payment of specie, your committee conceive the deputy cannot, with propriety, be indulged with the liberty of paying in certificates, nor can your committee recommend an indulgence in a particular case which is not extended to others similarly circumstanced ; but your committee see no reason why the arrearages of taxes consolidated should not be made payable in certificates, which would sink the claim of the holders of certificates both in interest and principal exactly to the degree that the fund would be lessened, and give an opportunity to the legislature to save several principal and deputy collectors, and their securities, from ruin. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Johnson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act concerning pardons ; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. William Fitzhugh, a delegate returned for Calvert county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took his seat in the house. Mr. Carroll appeared in the house.

The engrossed bills No. 2 and 3, were read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bills thereof, by Mr. Gough.

The engrossed bill No. 4, was read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by Mr. Carroll.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Jason Jenkins, of Prince-George's county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are satisfied by the petitioner's affidavit of the truth of the facts he has set forth.

Your committee are of opinion, that as the petitioner was justly entitled to the compensation contained in his certificate, he ought not to forfeit it by an accident to which the most careful are liable, if sufficient security is given that the state shall not be injured by a payment of the money twice. They therefore suggest the propriety of passing a resolution directing the auditor-general to issue another certificate to the said Jason Jenkins in lieu of the former, on such security being given as aforesaid.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDR, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Joshua Seney, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for marking and bounding lands ; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the inspection of salted provisions exported and imported from and to the town of Baltimore, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Key.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of Joseph Clark, beg leave to report, that they have taken the said memorial into consideration, and find that the sum of five hundred and thirteen