

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1787. 29

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Smith and Elizabeth Nicholson, widow and executrix of the late Joseph Nicholson, beg leave to report, that at the sale of the estate of James Chalmers, on the 17th day of November, 1784, the said William Smith purchased 250 acres of land, at seven pounds per acre, and gave bond for the amount of the purchase, with the said Joseph Nicholson security, payable in specie in twelve months from the date thereof; that by the report of the auditor-general, the claim of Robert Field against the said James Chalmers, amounts, with interest to the first of September last, to £. 1,213 19 11½ current money, and that Thomas Riche, of Pennsylvania, also has a claim against the said James Chalmers, which yet remains unsettled.

The committee are of opinion, that under the confederation, the debts justly due to citizens of the United States from persons of this state, whose estates have been forfeited for treason, ought to be paid when the estates so forfeited are sufficient for the payment thereof, and that the claim of Adam Hubley, representative of the aforesaid Robert Field, and also the claim of the aforesaid Thomas Riche, when passed by the auditor-general, ought to be discounted out of the bond given as aforesaid by the said William Smith and Joseph Nicholson.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDR, clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of John Churchman, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Brice Howard, beg leave to report, that they are satisfied with the allegation of the petitioner, and conceive that he ought not to be precluded from a settlement of his account, if just, and that the auditor ought, by resolution, to be authorized to pass thereon. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of William Smith and Elizabeth Nicholson, widow and executrix of the late Joseph Nicholson, was read the second time, and concurred with.

The following question being propounded to the house, viz.

Whereas the outstanding debts due for taxes being very considerable, and the levying additional taxes at this present session cannot promote the revenue by bringing into the treasury any money before the end of the next year, RESOLVED, That this house will not levy any money this present session of assembly.

ORDERED, That the same be taken into consideration to-morrow morning.

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

S A T U R D A Y, December 8, 1787.

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

Upon the second reading of the report on the petition of William Smith and Elizabeth Nicholson, widow and executrix of the late Joseph Nicholson, RESOLVED, That the claim of the representatives of Robert Field, of the state of Pennsylvania, and also the claim of Thomas Riche, against the confiscated estate of James Chalmers, when passed by the auditor-general, be deducted out of the bond given by the said William Smith and Joseph Nicholson for two hundred and fifty acres of land, part of the said Chalmers's estate, sold by the commissioners of confiscated property, and that upon payment of the balance, the aforesaid bond be delivered up to them the said William Smith and Elizabeth Nicholson.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Joshua Seney.

Mr. Grahame and Mr. Gale are excused for absenting themselves without leave of the house.

Mr. R. Miller, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor of Kent county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. James Steele, a delegate returned for Dorchester county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took his seat in the house. Mr. F. Bowie appeared in the house.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Brooke, of Montgomery county, beg leave to report, that they have examined into the facts alleged therein, and believe the same to be true, and recommend the indulgence therein prayed for, with this variation, that the balance be secured by bonds, payable, the one half with interest on the tenth day of August next, and the other half with interest the tenth day of August, seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, and that the counter securities be enabled to pursue the principal by process at their own expence, in the name of this state, for their own benefit and indemnity. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDR, clk.

Which was read.