

Whereas an appeal is now depending in the court of appeals on the question, whether the purchasers of confiscated property since the consolidating act, can pay their annual interest in specie certificates made receivable for the principal due for the said purchases: And whereas a resolution has passed the legislature to stop all actions and executions against the debtors of said property purchased since the consolidating act, till the court of appeals shall determine thereon: And whereas from the distant situation of many debtors from the seat of government, who are interested in said question, may not hear of the determination of said question, and may be subject to immediate execution before they have an opportunity of paying said interest; **RESOLVED**, That the treasurer of the western shore, be and is hereby authorized and directed to suspend and stop all actions and executions against said debtors, till six weeks after the court of appeals shall determine thereon on the appeal now depending before them for that purpose, and that this resolution be published six weeks in the Maryland Gazette and Baltimore Advertiser.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Bond.

John Hall, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to determine by election where the court-house and prison of Caroline county shall be built, endorsed; "By the senate, December 10, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 12, 1787: Read the second time and will not pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

A memorial from sundry merchants of Baltimore-town, respecting certain drawbacks and deductions; and a remonstrance and petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore-town, against the repeal of the act for turnpike roads; severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 12, 1787: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which were read.

The memorial from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore-town, was referred to the next session of assembly.

Mr. Faw, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the representatives and securities of Adam Fisher, late collector for Frederick county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Saint Mary's county, respecting the ineligibility of Uriah Forrest for want of residence, was preferred and read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Saint Mary's county, respecting the ineligibility of George Thomas, a delegate returned for said county, for bribery, was preferred and read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Saint Mary's county, respecting the ineligibility of Samuel Abell, George Thomas, Philip Key and Uriah Forrest, delegates returned for said county, for treating previous to the elections, contrary to the constitution and form of government, was preferred and read.

Whereas the subject of the above petitions cannot be taken up at this late period of the session, **ORDERED**, That the same be referred to the second Monday of the next session of assembly, and that the parties may be then heard by counsel, and that the clerk be directed to issue subpoenas for any witnesses that may be required.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Cæcil, Harford, and Baltimore counties, residents on lands sold by the late intendant, beg leave to report, that they have considered the case of the petitioners, and are of opinion, that the said petitioners were entitled to the preference in the said lands: And as your committee are informed by the late intendant, that at the time of making the sales of the lands in Cæcil, Baltimore, and Harford counties, he informed those who purchased and bonded for lands, that in case other people were entitled to the preference or pre-emption, and were inclined to purchase, that they must relinquish their bargains.

Your committee are of opinion, that the chancellor should have power in a summary way to hear and finally determine respecting the same; and that in case he should decree the right of pre-emption to others than those who have bonded, that he have power to direct the treasurer to deliver up the bond or bonds of the purchaser, and also direct the treasurer to take bond, with sufficient security, for the payment of the purchase money, from the person in whose favour the decree may be made.

And your committee are further of opinion, that the time should be limited, beyond which no person should put in his claim of pre-emption.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

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

A petition from the justices of Dorchester county, praying an act may pass empowering them, at their next levy court, to lease out and dispose of the prison lots and public grounds for the term of ninety-nine years, renewable for ever, was preferred and read, and the question put, That the said petition be referred to the next session of assembly? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messrs. R. Miller,	Hayward,	Jackson,	Mitchell,	Cellars,	Holmes,
Nicholls,	Craufurd,	Brown,	Downes,	Oneale,	Griffith.
Sherwood,	John Seney,				