

A petition from Alexander Furnival, of Baltimore-town, respecting certain lots of confiscated property which he purchased at the sale of Whetstone-point, and praying the sale may be declared void, as the lots were not laid off agreeable to the terms of sale, and also that a sum of money may be returned to him which he paid in consequence of said purchase, was preferred, read, and referred to the next session of assembly.

The bill for the relief of the representatives and securities of Adam Fisher, late collector for Frederick county, and the bill giving a more speedy remedy against delinquent subscribers to the Patowmack company, were sent to the senate by Mr. T. Johnson.

Whereas the late intendant of the revenue sold several parcels of land in Cæcil county, formerly within the lines of Pennsylvania and Delaware, which lands, or parts thereof, the purchasers claim title to under the laws of said states, and the proprietors of Pennsylvania also claim a right to certain parcels of said lands; **RESOLVED**, That no proceedings be had against the purchasers before the end of the next session of assembly; and that when the claims above mentioned are adjusted, patents may issue on such lands as this state had a right in, any defect in the authority of the intendant to sell the same to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Bruce.

A petition from Henry Hunt, collector of Calvert county, praying a further time to complete his collection, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Duvall, Mr. Taney and Mr. Dent, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the relief of the collectors of the public tax since the year 1783. **ORDERED**, That Mr. Parnham, Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Chafe, Mr. W. Bowie and Mr. F. Bowie, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

William Hemsley, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 15, 1787.

GENTLEMEN,

THE continental state money which was drawn out of the treasury some time last winter and spring, by order of the commissioners of the treasury of the United States, having considerably affected the revenue and resources of this state, and subjected the people thereof to a burthen, from which the citizens of the other states, we have reason to believe, are exempted, we think measures should be taken this session to obviate the consequences of a proceeding so injurious to our constituents, and therefore propose that a joint committee of both houses may be appointed to investigate this transaction, and to report what step it will be most adviseable, in their opinion, to pursue to obtain redress.

Under an impression that you will readily accede to the appointment of a joint committee for the above-mentioned purposes, we have nominated Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and William Perry, Esquires, to join such gentlemen as may be appointed by your house.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

The supplement to the act, entitled, An act for marking and bounding lands, endorsed; "By the senate, December 11, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 14, 1787: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order.

J. DORSEY, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

And a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore-town, praying an act may pass for promoting the nail manufacture, endorsed; "By the senate, December 15, 1787: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was read, and referred to Mr. Chafe, Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Dent and Mr. Duvall, to consider and report thereon.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Roberts.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 15, 1787.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE accede to your proposition by William Hemsley, Esquire, and have appointed Mr. Thomas Johnson, Mr. Joshua Seney, Mr. Shaw and Mr. Dent, to join the gentlemen named by your honours for the purpose of taking under consideration the subject mentioned in your message.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Mr. Matthews 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: That your committee are informed and believe, that David Wiley, James Denney, Michael Sern, Walter Denney, William Slade, John Montgomery, William M'Clurg, Robert Mooberry, Nehemiah Armstrong, Thomas Fitzgerald, Henry M'Cleery, William Gollifer and James Campbell, claim the right of pre-emption respectively, in lands sold to others in Harford and Baltimore counties, or one of them, and that William Elliott claims the right of pre-emption to land sold to some other person in Cæcil county.

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