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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, 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, including interest from the time of the sales of the reserves respectively by the late intendant.

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.

W. PINKNEY, clk.

By order,

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of the county and town of Talbot, and the counter petition of Henrietta Chamberlaine, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Roberts, Mr. Joshua Seney, Mr. M'Mechen and Mr. Tilghman, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The report respecting the survey of the lands to the westward of Wills's creek, was read the second time and concurred with.

A petition from sundry inhabitants residing in the western part of Washington county, praying a division of said county, was preferred and read.

The report of the auditor-general, was referred to Mr. Duvall, Mr. Joshua Seney, Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Pattison and Mr. Dent, to consider and report thereon.

The supplement to the act vesting certain powers in the commissioners of the tax of Anne-Arundel county, and for other purposes, was sent to the senate by Mr. N. Worthington.

Mr. Tilghman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to establish a road from the town of Talbot, in Talbot county, to Cow Landing, on Third Haven creek; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Tilghman.

Mr. Chase, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to encourage the manufacture of nails; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to take away the circumstance of indenting deeds of bargain and sale, was sent to the senate by Mr. S. Miller.

John Hall, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to empower the justices of Dorchester county court to lease out the prison lands of said county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 14, 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 by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

The supplement to the act to enable the securities of Christopher Edelen, deceased, and his administrator, to collect the balance due to him as collector of the taxes, and as sheriff, of Frederick county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 14, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 15, 1787: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

And the bill to establish pilots, and to regulate their fees, endorsed; "By the senate, December 14, 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 by especial order and committed for amendment.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 15, 1787: Read the third time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the 5th line of the 8th page, strike out the words "nine shillings," and insert "eight shillings and nine-pence." And in the 6th line of the same page, strike out the word "nine," and insert "six." Strike out from the word "draw," in the 7th line of the same page, to the word "and" after "shillings" in the ninth line.

Which were read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

William Perry, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to establish a road from the town of Talbot, in Talbot county, to Cow Landing, on Third Haven creek, in the county aforesaid; the bill giving a more speedy remedy against delinquent subscribers to the Patowmack company; severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 15, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 15, 1787: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

And the bill for the relief of the representatives and securities of Adam Fisher, late collector for Frederick county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 15, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

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