

A petition from Henrietta Adams, of Charles county, praying an act may pass empowering the justices of said county to levy on the inhabitants thereof a quantity of tobacco, or the value thereof in money, sufficient to replace all the tobacco lost out of the Nanjemoy warehouse during the time her late husband was inspector at said warehouse, and that can be made appear was not lost by his neglect or carelessness, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Chapman, Mr. Read and Mr. Forrest, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from John Rousby Whittington, of Worcester county, setting forth, that he is not of legal age for making a disposition of his estate, and praying an act may pass to enable him to dispose of his paternal estate held under the will of his late father; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. W. Purnell, Mr. Shaw, Mr. J. S. Purnell, Mr. B. Worthington and Mr. Duvall, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, RESOLVED, That John Eager Howard and Benjamin Contee, Esquires, be directed to attend this house on Wednesday the 21st instant, to give this house information respecting public affairs.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MAY 15, 1788.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house have appointed from nine o'clock in the morning until one in the afternoon, and from three until six o'clock in the evening, for its sitting every day this session for the dispatch of public business.

By order,
The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

W. HARWOOD, clk.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

George Gale, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a memorial and remonstrance from Samuel and David Sterett, agents for the Messieurs Vanstaphorst, of the 25th of December last; a letter from the governor of Virginia, enclosing an act concerning the convention to be held in June next, of the 27th of December last; a letter from the governor of New-Jersey, respecting the ratification of the federal constitution, of the 9th of January last; a letter from the governor of Massachusetts, with a copy of the proceedings of the convention and ratification of the constitution for the United States of America, of the 16th of February last; a letter from the governor of Georgia, with the proceedings of the convention and ratification of the federal government, of the 20th of February last; a letter from the secretary of congress, notifying the appointment of Cyrus Griffin president of congress, of the 23d of January last; a letter from the secretary of congress, with a state of the representation in congress, of the 3d of March last; a letter from the same, with a state of the representation in congress, of the 3d of May instant; a letter from Benjamin Contee, Esquire, of the 17th of January last, respecting Nicholas and Jacob Vanstaphorst; a letter from the same of the 25th January last, on the same subject; a letter from the same of the 1st of March last, containing resolutions of congress relating to Messieurs Forrest and Stoddert's contract with the board of treasury; and a letter from John Fitch, relative to steam boats; severally endorsed; "By the senate, May 15, 1788: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which were read.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from Richard Sansbury, formerly a soldier in the Maryland line, praying the auditor may be directed to settle his account while in the army, and a petition from sundry merchants of Baltimore-town, praying a person may be appointed to inspect, cull, measure and mark, timber, plank and scantling, for exportation, severally endorsed; "By the senate, May 15, 1788: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which were read.

The petition of Richard Sansbury, was referred to Mr. Quynn, Mr. B. Worthington and Mr. Faw, to consider and report thereon.

The petition of sundry merchants of Baltimore-town, was referred to Mr. Gough, Mr. McMechen and Mr. Shaw, to consider and report thereon.

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

F R I D A Y, May 16, 1788.

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

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to repeal an act passed at April session, 1787, entitled, An act respecting insolvent debtors, and for other purposes. ORDERED, That Mr. Shaw, Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. Seney, Mr. Duvall and Mr. Hayward, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of James Campbell, of Baltimore county, beg leave to report, that upon examination they find the facts therein stated to be true, and as the petitioner cannot be relieved by the chancellor under the late act for enlarging his powers, owing to