

The report on the petition of William Purnell, was read the second time and concurred with. Mr. Faw, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Frederick Amelung, glass-manufacturer, of New-Bremen in Frederick county, beg leave to report, that they have had the subject of the said petition under their consideration, and find the facts to be truly stated. In deciding on the propriety of granting the prayer of this application, your committee were necessarily led to take a comparative view of the inconveniences attending a loan of money by the public under the present embarrassed state of our finances, and the advantages to be derived from the support and encouragement of a manufacture, within the state, of an article of such general consumption as glass; from which comparison, they are induced to think that the inconveniences on the one hand, bear no proportion to the advantages on the other.

From the information your committee have received, and from the nature of the thing itself, they hope that Mr. Amelung will be able to continue this valuable manufacture without legislative assistance; and they think it would be highly impolitic to lose the benefit of an undertaking begun on a plan so extensive, and promising, in the progress of it, such beneficial consequences to the community.

As nothing can more deserve the aid and protection of government, so nothing can be more delicate, than manufactures in their infancy. Difficult to be set on foot, they are easily destroyed; and when once subverted, the revival of them becomes far less practicable than their first establishment.

To destroy our dependence on foreigners for articles which our own country is well calculated to furnish, is, in the judgment of your committee, an object of the first importance; and, in the pursuit of this object, a small temporary evil ought, they conceive, to be cheerfully submitted to.

Your committee beg leave to suggest this further idea, that the encouragement given by the loan and immunity prayed for to the manufacture of glass, will probably have the salutary effect of encouraging manufacturers of all kinds, by shewing a disposition in our government to use its utmost exertions in favour of such useful attempts. Upon the whole, the committee are of opinion, that the benefits to be derived from granting the petitioner's prayer so greatly overbalance the only reason against it (the necessities of government) as to render the measure politic and wise, especially as the petitioner will be content with an order on the collectors of arrears in Frederick county, and does not expect to receive the whole sum at once.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

A petition from Thomas Wert, of Cæcil county, respecting the seizure of the sloop Nancy, for having taken on board a quantity of goods, wares and merchandise, subject to a duty, contrary to an act of assembly, which was tried and condemned, and praying relief in the premises, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Matthews, Mr. Forrest and Mr. Bravard, to consider and report thereon.

Whereas William Purnell was prevented by the ice from making his second payment on his bond due to this state for black and continental state money, agreeably to the resolves of the general assembly passed at April session, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven; RESOLVED, That the time for the said William Purnell to make his second and third payments into the treasury of the western shore, shall be extended to the first day of December next; and that the execution issued against the said William Purnell be countermanded, he paying the legal costs arising thereon.

Sent to the senate by Mr. F. Bowie.

Whereas the late intendant of the revenue sold several parcels of land in Cæcil county, formerly within the lines of the province of Pennsylvania, which lands, or parts thereof, the purchasers claim title to under grants from the proprietors of said province; and the said proprietors also claim an interest in certain parcels of said land; 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 late intendant to sell the same to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Matthews.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Forrest, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Potts and Mr. Galt, be a committee to prepare an answer to the message of this day from the senate by William Perry, Esquire.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Aquila Stinchcomb and others, beg leave to report, that they have examined the allegations therein contained, and find them true. They are of opinion, that a short suspension of execution in their cases cannot injure the state, and that it will be of great advantage to the petitioners. They do therefore recommend that a resolution pass to suspend execution against the said persons, and their securities, on the said cases, until the first day of September next. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

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

Whereas by a resolve passed at April session, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, all persons indebted to the state for purchases made in black and continental state money, were permitted to pay off their debts in final settlement certificates, and many of the said debtors have, in compliance with the said resolves, discharged two third parts of their debts, and have applied to be allowed a longer time to pay off the residue; RESOLVED, That the time limited for the last payment be extended until the first day of September next, and that no execution issue against the said debtors, which

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