

A petition from Abraham Inloes, of Baltimore county, setting forth, that he is indebted to the state (as security for Thomas Bond, of John) for certain confiscated property, and praying he may be authorised to discharge the same in certificates; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Coulter and Mr. Pinkney, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Ridgely, of William, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report, viz.

THE committee to whom was referred the petitions of Job Garretson and Robert Long, beg leave to report, that they have examined into the facts stated in the said petitions, and find, that Job Garretson has used his utmost endeavours to procure the answer of the attorney-general to his bill, for the purpose of obtaining a decision of his case within the time limited by the resolution of April session, 1787; but that, notwithstanding his exertions, the said answer has not been filed.

Your committee further report, that no decree has been made on the case of Robert Long from the delay occasioned by a survey being necessary for the information of the chancellor.

Your committee are of opinion, that the executions issued against the said petitioners be set aside, (they paying the costs thereof) and a further time granted them to obtain a determination in equity on their several cases.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDBER, clk.

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

Mr. Ridgely, of William, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following resolution, viz.

On the second reading of the report on the petitions of Job Garretson and Robert Long, RESOLVED, That the executions issued against the said Job Garretson and Robert Long on their bonds in the treasury for confiscated property, returnable to October term, seventeen hundred and eighty-eight, be and they are hereby set aside, (they paying the costs thereon) and that no further process issue on their said bonds respectively, until the chancellor shall have decreed on their respective bills now depending before him.

Which was read.

The petition of Nicholas Ruxton Moore, referred from the last to the present session, was read, and referred to Mr. Chapman, Mr. Seney and Mr. Forrest, to consider and report thereon.

On the second reading the letter of John Lee Webster, Esquire, RESOLVED unanimously, That no person elected and returned a delegate to this house can rightfully take his seat therein before he has taken the several oaths prescribed for delegates by the constitution and form of government, subscribed a declaration of his belief in the christian religion, and taken and subscribed the oath of fidelity prescribed by the act to punish certain crimes and misdemeanors, and to prevent the growth of toryism.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to change the 35th and 36th articles of the declaration of rights, and such other parts of the constitution of this state, so as to admit all citizens of every religious denomination of christians, qualified by the constitution, to the free enjoyment of every right and privilege, on making such attestation as the forms of their religious persuasion direct, in lieu of the oaths now required. ORDERED, That Mr. Mercer, Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Potts and Mr. Forrest, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from John Fitch, of the city of Philadelphia, respecting steam boats, was preferred, read, and referred to the first day of April next.

A petition from James Hawkins, of Baltimore county, praying an act may pass to release him from gaol, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Coulter, Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Quynn, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill concerning the public roads in the several counties therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Faw, Mr. Potts, Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Norris, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Murray, Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Shryock, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to lay a further tax on the people of Harford county to complete the public buildings of said county, and for other purposes. ORDERED, That Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Norris and Mr. Scott, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from George Wolf, of Baltimore-town, praying an act may pass to vest him with all the right and title which the state hath acquired by escheat to the real estate devised by a certain George Steyer to aliens, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Chase, Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Potts and Mr. W. Tilghman, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Nancy Steyer, of Baltimore-town, counter to the petition of George Wolf, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of George Wolf.

A petition from the justices and sundry inhabitants of Prince-George's county, praying an act may pass empowering the justices of Prince-George's county to levy on the inhabitants of said county a sum of money for the purpose of building a gaol, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. W. Bowie, Mr. Dent and Mr. Digges, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, the question was put, That the sixteenth rule be dispensed with? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill directing the time, places and manner, of holding elections for representatives of this state in the congress of the United States, and for appointing electors on the part of this state for choosing a president and vice-president of the United States. ORDERED, That Mr. Forrest, Mr. W. Tilghman, Mr. Chase, Mr. Fraizer, Mr. Dent, Mr. Ridgely, of William, Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Polk, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Matthews, Mr. W. Bowie, Mr.