

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1788. 13

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 12, 1788.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have appointed William Perry, Richard Ridgely and Peregrine Tilghman, Esquires, to meet the gentlemen for the purposes named in your message by Mr. Faw.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

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

T H U R S D A Y, November 13, 1788.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Harwood has leave of absence.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Stevenson and Solomon Hellen, inspectors of tobacco at Baltimore-town warehouse, beg leave to report, that they have inquired into the subject matter of the petition, and believe the facts therein stated to be true, and are of opinion that a law ought to pass empowering the justices of Baltimore county court to make strict inquiry into the circumstances of the case, and if, after such inquiry, they are of opinion that the said tobacco was not lost by the negligence, inattention or fault, of the said inspectors, they shall assess on the taxable inhabitants of said county, a sum of money equivalent to the quantity of tobacco the said petitioners may make appear to them to have been lost. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Norris, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to lay a further tax on the people of Harford county to complete the public buildings of said county, and for other purposes ; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A letter from Francis Deakins, respecting the lands to the westward of Fort Cumberland, was laid before the house and read. ORDERED, That Mr. Potts, Mr. Duvall, Mr. O'Neale, Mr. Lynn, Mr. Faw, Mr. Forrest and Mr. Dent, be a committee to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Ignatius Abell, of Saint-Mary's county, stating, that there has been stolen out of the warehouse whereof he is inspector, a quantity of tobacco, and praying relief in the premises ; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Chilton, Mr. Murray and Mr. Scott, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from John Merriken, senior, of Anne-Arundel county, stating, that he is indebted to the state, in consequence of his becoming a security for a certain Thomas Pardy to Richard Harwood, late collector of Anne-Arundel county, and praying to be allowed a further time, and also to be enabled to discharge said debt in any state certificates ; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Chase, Mr. O'Neale and Mr. Fraizer, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Cecil, Harford, and Baltimore counties, was read the second time and concurred with.

On motion, Leave given to bring in an additional supplement to the act for enlarging the powers of the high court of chancery. ORDERED, That Mr. Duvall, Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Murray, Mr. Faw, Mr. Potts, Mr. Forrest and Mr. Chase, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The petition of William Stone, referred from the last to the present session, was read, and referred to Mr. W. Tilghman, Mr. Digges, Mr. Faw, Mr. Duvall and Mr. Lecompte, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to alter the time of holding the county courts in Anne-Arundel county. ORDERED, That Mr. Duvall, Mr. Quynn, Mr. Chase and Mr. Worthington, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

THE committee appointed to consider the petitions of George Wolf and Nancy Steyer, beg leave to report, that they have considered the subject of the said petitions, and are of opinion that a law should pass to make the said George Wolf capable of taking the property devised to him by the will of George Steyer, and that, as it appears to your committee that the said George Wolf was intended by his uncle to receive a considerable legacy as his residuary legatee, which hath been defeated by unexpected bad debts and other causes, that the state should give up, in favour of the said George Wolf, the composition money which hath been paid by the said Nancy Steyer on the return of the certificate on her escheat warrant. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to an act for building a new court-house and gaol in Queen-Anne's county, and for other purposes. ORDERED, That Mr. J. Tilghman, Mr. Seney and Mr. Sewell, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Stone, beg leave to report, that having examined the facts stated in the said petition, and finding the same to be true, it appears to them that it will be just and reasonable to permit the petitioner to discount such part of the sum granted to him by the resolution of the house of delegates, of April session, 1787, as will discharge his