

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

The house met, and adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, December 10, 1788.

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

A petition from James Rooney, of Baltimore county, praying to be liberated from gaol, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed to consider and report on the petition of Robert Long.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the justices of Frederick county, and the counter petition of James Smith thereto, beg leave to report, that they have taken the subject matter therein contained, and to them referred, into consideration, and are of opinion that a removal of the warehouse, as prayed for, would be a violation of the part of the state of the contract entered into by the commissioners of Frederick county with the said James Smith, who, reposing confidence in the said contract, had incurred considerable expence in erecting the said warehouse and providing all things necessary for the inspection of tobacco, which he had engaged to do by bond.

Your committee beg leave to report, that the ground whereon the said warehouse is built, had been viewed and approved of by the commissioners previous to the contract; that considerable quantities of tobacco hath been lodged in the said warehouse; and that it doth not appear to them that any damage hath been sustained on account of the situation of the said warehouses, or can reasonably be apprehended from that cause.

Your committee are induced to believe that the said James Smith hath, on his part, complied with the said contract, as nothing to the contrary hath been alleged in the petition, or in any other manner appeared to your committee.

For these reasons your committee are of opinion, that it would be improper to remove the said warehouse; but submit to the consideration of the house the reduction of the rent for tobacco in future to be stored in the warehouses, to two shillings and six-pence per hoghead, the rent now allowed appearing to them too high, and the quantities of tobacco inspected at the said warehouse having far exceeded the expectation at the time the same was allowed.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Pinkney, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following resolution:

Whereas it has been represented to this general assembly by the auditor-general, that many claims have been exhibited against the estates of those that have been confiscated and attainted of treason, several of which do not appear to be well founded, and still remain with the auditor for further investigation, by which he is prevented from closing the same; **RESOLVED**, That the auditor-general be and he is hereby directed and required to pass finally, before the first day of August next, on all accounts, debts, claims and demands, against persons convicted and attainted of treason, or whose property has been confiscated and seized, that have been duly laid before him, and have not already been decided on, or may be exhibited to him before the first day of June next.

ORDERED, That the above resolution be published six weeks in the Maryland Gazette and Baltimore Advertiser, for the information of those who may be concerned.

Which was read the first and second time and assented to.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate, with the resolution respecting Alexander Cowan and John Taylor, by Mr. Craufurd.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 10, 1788.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE propose to proceed immediately to the election of the other senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States; and have appointed the same gentlemen to examine the ballot boxes, in conjunction with the members to be appointed by your honours.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Mr. Matthews, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Patrick Edwards, of Kent county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The resolutions in favour of Thomas Hanson Marshall and Francis Clements, were sent to the senate by Mr. Parnham.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Bennett Hamilton, of Charles county, beg leave to report, that the situation of the petitioner appearing to them peculiarly hard and distressing, they are of opinion he ought to be relieved by a resolution, authorising the commissioners of the tax for the said county to make such allowance to the said Hamilton for insolvencies, as may appear to them to have existed antecedent to the time that he was possessed of the books of collection, and empowering the treasurer of the western shore to pass such allowance to the credit of Charles Mar-kin, late collector of the public tax for the said county. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

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