

And a petition from Henry Addison, of Prince-George's county, praying an extension of the time limited by the act for the benefit of the reverend Henry Addison, and leave to dispose of part of a tract of land called Manwaring-Hall, in Cæcil county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 11, 1788: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

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

S A T U R D A Y, December 13, 1788.

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

Mr. Ridgely, of William, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to enable James Gittings, John Gorsuch and John Merryman, the purchasers of confiscated lands, to obtain patents for the same, and other purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dorsey brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Campbell and Marian his wife; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. J. Tilghman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor of Queen-Anne's county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to pay the civil list, and other expences of government. ORDERED, That Mr. Shaw, Mr. Seney, Mr. Faw, Mr. Pinkney and Mr. Ridgely, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from William Fitzhugh, respecting depredations committed by the enemy during the late war, was read, and referred to the next session of assembly.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to establish a mode in which controverted elections for members to the house of delegates of this state shall in future be decided. ORDERED, That Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Potts, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Dent and Mr. Ridgely, of William, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petitions of Robert Hodgson, of Cæcil county, and also of sundry of the inhabitants of this state, relative to the establishment of public fairs at a place commonly called the town of Warwick, in Cæcil county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into their consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the said petitions ought not to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

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

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard Oldham, of Cæcil county, beg leave to report, that they are satisfied the public have not hitherto derived the advantages intended by the 19th section of the 22d act of 1744, by holding the property in question, and that there is no reasonable probability that it will ever be the case in future. They are therefore of opinion, that as the petitioner has been and must still be considerably injured by this property being retained by the public, a law ought to pass, repealing the said section of the act aforesaid, and vesting the said property in the petitioner, reserving to the commissioners of Charles-town a right of using it for the purposes of the said act. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Rogers, of Baltimore county, beg leave to report, that they have inquired into the facts stated in the said petition, and find, that the said Benjamin Rogers contracted with the commissioners of the late proprietary of Maryland for the purchase of part of the reserve lands in said county, lying contiguous to sundry parcels of patent lands, the property of said Rogers, at the rate of twenty pounds per hundred acres, to be ascertained by a resurvey; and that the said Rogers left a balance in the hands of the said commissioners of £. 18 18 9 sterling, to be applied in part payment of the said purchase. That a resurvey was made, but the certificate thereof proving erroneous, and the war shortly commencing, prevented a settlement with the said commissioners. That although by act of November session, 1784, chapter 75, section 5, grants are authorized to issue for lands so purchased of the commissioners, where the whole of the purchase money hath been paid to the treasurer, for the use of the late proprietary, according to a list of balances delivered the said treasurer, yet the said Benjamin Rogers is without remedy, because no statement hath ever been made of his account, owing to the circumstance before disclosed, of the certificate being erroneous and never filed with the said commissioners.

Your committee are therefore of opinion that a law should pass, authorizing the treasurer to state an account, and settle with the said Benjamin Rogers; and upon the payment of the balance (to be applied