

Your committee further beg leave to submit it as their opinion, that no future process should issue on the said bonds until the expiration of twelve months from the end of this present session of assembly.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDBER, clk.

Which was read.

John Smith, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act appointing wardens for the port of Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 13, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 15, 1788: Read the second time and will pass.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from John Beall, of Prince-George's county, praying that the commissioners of the tax may be authorized to make him an allowance for money advanced in the year 1783 for warehouse rent and pork barrels, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Digges, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Faw and Mr. Banckes, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from George French, of Montgomery county, stating, that he obtained from the land office a warrant for 341 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres of land, for which he paid the full caution money in September, 1775; that only 48 acres of said warrant was ever executed, and praying that the register may be authorized to grant him 293 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres of warrant, it being the quantity unapplied, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. O'Neale, Mr. Cockey, Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Bond, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from James Clerk, of Anne-Arundel county, setting forth, that James Ruffell, of the city of London, merchant, his grand-father, conveyed to him sundry parcels of land lying and being in the state of Maryland, confiscated, but has never been sold for the use of the state, and praying the said conveyance may be confirmed; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Duvall, Mr. O'Neale, Mr. Seney, Mr. Chamberlaine and Mr. Norris, to consider and report thereon.

The petition of Joshua Townshend, was referred to Mr. Waggaman, Mr. W. Purnell, and Mr. Ridgely, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Ridgely, of William, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act, entitled, An act to lay out several turnpike roads in Baltimore county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Paddison and Sarah his wife, of Dorchester county, beg leave to report, that they have examined into the facts set forth in said petition, and are fully satisfied that they are true, and that the said William Paddison was totally ignorant of the act of seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, until some time after his marriage. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that an act ought to pass to confirm the said marriage, legitimate the issue, and relieve the said petitioners from all the pains and penalties inflicted by the said act. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Andrew Stigar, of Baltimore-town, praying to be liberated from Baltimore county gaol, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, of William, Mr. Quynn, Mr. Faw and Mr. Ridgely, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, ORDERED, That the serjeant at arms do employ persons to convey seventy-five printed copies of the act 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, and for the regulation of the said elections, to each of the counties of this state, to be lodged with the respective sheriffs, and by them to be distributed as expeditiously as may be for general information; and that the expence thereof be provided for on the journal of accounts.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to repeal an act, entitled, An act for vesting an estate for life in Daniel Heester, the younger, and an estate in fee-simple in Reannah his wife, in fourteen hundred acres of land lying in Washington county, and in five lots of land lying in Elizabeth-town, in the said county, and for annulling and making void all estates, rights and titles, derived under the said act.

Mr. W. Tilghman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Thomas Ruffon; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Hammond, of Baltimore county, beg leave to report, that they have examined the facts set forth in the said petition, and are of opinion, that the proposal of the said William Hammond to erect a floating bridge over Patapsco river, merits the encouragement of the legislature, and would greatly facilitate the communication between Baltimore-town and various parts of this state. Your committee therefore recommend that a law should pass, authorising the said William Hammond to erect a floating bridge over the river Patapsco, under such regulations as may be deemed an adequate compensation for his trouble, and an encouragement