

pass, empowering the citizens of Annapolis to remove the house of public worship built by the members of the methodist episcopalian church, from the place where it now stands to the public ground whereon the old market-house formerly stood. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order, T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

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

The report on the petition of Benjamin Rogers, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

Mr. Potts, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Booth, and for confirming his title in certain lands therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to prevent attornies at law from issuing for their fees until the action shall be determined whereon such fees may become due under the proviso therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Pinkney, Mr. O'Neale, Mr. Waggaman and Mr. W. Tilghman, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Steele has leave of absence.

Mr. J. M'Pherson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to repeal part of an act, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable tobacco; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Ridgely, of William, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Benjamin Rogers, of Baltimore county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Walter Hanson and Mungo Muffchett, of Charles county, beg leave to report, that it is their opinion that an act should pass, by which the proceedings on the bonds taken for the payment of the money due the state for the property sold by the intendant to the petitioners, be suspended till the end of the next November session of assembly, or one year, and that the petitioners be enabled to file their bill in chancery against the state, on the subject matter of their petition, and that the attorney-general appear thereto, on behalf of the state, to defend its title to the lands confiscated; and that the bonds be restored to the petitioners, if it appear that they have title to the lands in question. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order, T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, ORDERED, That the letters and papers from Samuel Sterett, agent for Nicholas and Jacob Vanstaphorff, be referred to Mr. Potts, Mr. Dent, Mr. Forrest, Mr. W. Tilghman, Mr. Murray and Mr. Waggaman, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of John Gwinn, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Potts, Mr. Waggaman and Mr. Quynn, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

T U E S D A Y, December 16, 1788.

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

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

THE committee appointed to inquire what laws have or will expire this session, beg leave to report, that the following laws will expire at the close thereof: An act for the relief of insolvent debtors, passed March session, 1774; an act, entitled, An act to repeal an act, entitled, An act respecting insolvent debtors, and to revive an act, entitled, An act for the relief of insolvent debtors, passed May session, 1788; an act for the regulation of officers fees, passed November session, 1779; an act for the regulation of officers fees, and for other purposes, passed October session, 1780; an act continuing the act for the regulation of officers fees, and the act to continue the same act, and for other purposes, passed November session, 1787.

They also beg leave to report, that the last mentioned act requires amendment.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

The supplement to an act, entitled, An act to grant to Gabriel Peterfont Vanhorn an exclusive right to keep stage carriages on the public road from the river Susquehanna to the river Patowmack, was sent to the senate by Mr. Sprigg.

The bill for altering the time of holding the courts in Anne-Arundel county, was sent to the senate by Mr. J. M'Pherson.

The bill to repeal part of an act, entitled, An act for the better administration of justice, &c, and also part of an act, entitled, An act for the advancement of justice, was sent to the senate by Mr. Chilton.