

That the said Samuel Thomas and William Banckes ~~be~~ and they are hereby discharged from all interest due on arrears of taxes; provided, that if the said Samuel Thomas and William Banckes, or either of them, have received any interest on taxes from any person or persons of their respective counties, he or they shall return the same to the person or persons from whom it was received.

Which was read the first and second time, assented to, and sent to the senate by Mr. Sherwood.

Mr. Drvall, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to dispose of the reserved lands westward of Fort Cumberland, in Washington county, and to fulfil the engagements made by this state to the officers and soldiers of the Maryland line in the service of the United States; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Peregrine Tilghman, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolution in favour of Beriah Maybury, endorsed; "By the senate, December 21, 1788: Read and dissented to.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

The bill for the relief of John Campbell and Marion his wife, endorsed; "By the senate, December 20, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

"By the senate, December 21, 1788: Read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

The bill concerning the public roads in Baltimore county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 18, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

"By the senate, December 20, 1788: Read the second time and will not pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

And the resolution in favour of the merchants of Baltimore-town who suffered by the high tide on the 24th July, 1788, endorsed; "By the senate, December 20, 1788: Read and assented to with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the 2d line strike out "of Baltimore-town" and insert "in this state." In the 3d line strike out "Baltimore-town" and insert "their respective districts."

Which were read the first and second time and agreed to.

Mr. Hollyday, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to enable the inhabitants of Saint-Paul's parish, in Queen-Anne's county, to elect vestrymen and churchwardens for said parish; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, the question was put, That the committee of claims pass the account of the citizens of Annapolis against the state for the use of the assembly room from the year 1775 to the year 1780, to the amount of £. 215 1 3, and put the same on the journal of accounts? Determined in the negative.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Beatty, beg leave to report, that they have taken into consideration the subject therein stated and submitted to them, and finding the same to be true, recommend the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That further proceedings against the said Thomas Beatty, as collector of the taxes for Frederick county, shall be suspended until the first day of \_\_\_\_\_ next.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

E. VALLETTE, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. O'Neale, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of George French, of Montgomery county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion the facts therein set forth are true; that the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable, founded in equity, and ought to be granted.

Your committee also beg leave to suggest the propriety of passing a law for the relief of all persons under similar circumstances, of which, from information, they believe there are a number.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

G. JOHNSON, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Robert Ferguson, beg leave to report, that they think the prayer of the said petition reasonable, and are of opinion that an act should pass agreeably thereto. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the letters of Mr. Sterett respecting the debt due Messieurs Vanstaphorsts, beg leave to report, that they are of opinion, that at this late day of the session it is impossible for the house to go into the consideration of the various propositions contained in the said letters and papers. Your committee are, however, of opinion, that a regard to the honour and justice of the state require, that a more speedy mode of reimbursing the interest advanced by Messieurs Vanstaphorsts to the money lenders, than the funds already appropriated for that purpose, ought to be adopted. They therefore recommend the following resolutions:

RESOLVED,