

Mr. Quinn, 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 Mufchett, beg leave to report, That in the opinion of the committee an act should pass, to enable the petitioners to file a bill in chancery against the state on or before the tenth day of April next; that the attorney general appear to the said bill in behalf of the state, and that in the mean time all proceedings at law against the said petitioners be staid; and that the said bill being filed on or before the day last mentioned, the chancellor be authorised to issue an injunction to stay proceedings at law, and to continue such injunction for such length of time as shall appear just and equitable; and that such decree be made in the premises as to him shall appear consonant to equity. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

E. VALLETTE, clk.

Which was read.

The bill for the relief of Benjamin Rogers, of Baltimore county, and the bill 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, were sent to the senate by Mr. Fitzhugh.

The report on the petition of Walter Hanson and Mungo Mufchett, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Duvall, Mr. Dent and Mr. Murray, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Matthews brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following resolution:

Whereas Patrick Hamilton, of Cæcil county, has set forth in his petition to this general assembly, that a number of charges which he could have made against this state, did not come to his knowledge till after he had passed his bond to the late intendant of the revenue for the balance he owed as collector of taxes; RESOLVED, That the auditor-general be and he is hereby empowered to examine the charges aforesaid, and if he shall certify that they, or any part of them, are just and proper, the treasurer of the western shore shall give credit accordingly on said Hamilton's bond.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of Thomas Lane Emory and Thomas Carradine, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Resolved in the affirmative.

James Carroll, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolution respecting the removal of the methodist meeting-house, endorsed; "By the senate, December 21, 1788: Read " and assented to.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

The additional supplement to the act to regulate public ferries, endorsed; "By the senate, December 21, 1788: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to make valid the proceedings of Augustine parish, in Cæcil county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 9, 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 and will pass.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 21, 1788.

GENTLEMEN, WE have passed the bill to make valid the proceedings of Augustine parish, in Cæcil county, although we are apprehensive the passage of such bills may occasion uneasiness, and excite jealousy, until some general regulation shall be adopted by the legislature on the principle of the bill originated in this house for that purpose, and rejected by yours, for want of time to consider the different provisions of the said bill, as suggested in your message. The principle of the bill, we are firmly persuaded, cannot be questioned, although from the tenor of the expressions in your message, an opinion may be taken up by our constituents, that your house is not entirely satisfied that the general object of the incorporating bill is not liable to exception. By the declaration of rights, all persons professing the christian religion are entitled to equal privileges; and by the act for the establishment of select vestries, and the act to provide a fund for the relief of the widows and children of the clergy of the protestant episcopal church in this state, certain privileges are confirmed and extended to the protestant episcopal church, and until similar rights and privileges are conferred on all the christian churches, societies and congregations, they cannot, with propriety, be said to enjoy equal rights and privileges.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

The supplement to an act, entitled, An act to vest certain powers in the governor and council, was read the second time and passed.

The house adjourns till 5 o'clock.

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

The house met.

Mr. Dent, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act in favour of Walter Hanson and Mungo Mufchett, of Charles county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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