

with the two last payments, which will subject their lands to proclamation as usual; and praying relief in the premises; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Lynn and Mr. Bayly, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Nancy Handy, of Somerset county, stating that she is in indigent circumstances; that her mother is indebted to the state for certain confiscated property, which she has bonded for and unable to pay; and praying an assignment of her mother's said bond; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Winder and Mr. Lynn, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Gittings is excused for absenting himself without leave of the house.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to prevent the exportation of bad or unmerchantable staves, heading, boards, shingles and timber. ORDERED, That Mr. Stewart, Mr. Sterett, Mr. M. Tilghman, Mr. Dashiell and Mr. M^cHenry, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill concerning the public roads in this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Faw, Mr. W. Tilghman, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Ott, Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Love, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. Sterett, Mr. Quynn, Mr. M^cHenry and Mr. J. Worthington, be a committee to consider and report on the letter from John White, commissioner of the state, with sundry papers respecting the same.

A petition from Benjamin Rogers, of Baltimore county, respecting lands purchased in the year 1770 of the then lord proprietary's commissioners, lying within the reserves of Baltimore county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. and Mr. Dashiell, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from William Gillifs, of Somerset county, praying an act may pass discharging him from his debts on a surrender of all his property, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the memorial of Samuel Chate, to consider and report thereon.

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

F R I D A Y, November 13, 1789.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Gittings. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. James O'Brion, a delegate returned for Queen-Anne's county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house.

A petition from Henry Shryock, of Washington county, late collector of the taxes, praying to be relieved from the ten per cent which the state is entitled to exact of him as interest upon his collections, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Henry Hunt, to consider and report thereon.

A petition and address from the people called Quakers, respecting the abolition of slavery, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on a petition of a similar nature, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from John Murrey and John Carback, of Baltimore county, stating, that they became security to the state of Maryland for a certain James Hughes, for certain confiscated property; that the said James Hughes has paid up the interest till the year 1788; that he has since become insolvent; and praying they may be released from their bonds upon giving up the said property; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. Mr. Hopewell, Mr. Gale, Mr. Clark and Mr. O'Brion, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Robert Hodgson and Gerthom Johnson, praying an exclusive right to run stages from the line of Delaware to Chester-town, and to a place called Gresham College, and also to repeal part of the laws granting to Gabriel Peterion Vanhorn a privilege to run stages from the Patowmack to Susquehanna, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. W. Tilghman, Mr. Seney, Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. Mr. Pinkney and Mr. Dorsey, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Robert Hodgson, praying an establishment of fairs at the town of Warwick, in Cecil county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Bond, Mr. J. Tilghman and Mr. Winder, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Barbara Hall, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same under consideration, and find great inconvenience will arise to the said Barbara Hall, without the interference of the legislature. Your committee are therefore of opinion a law ought to pass, vesting her with full power to execute the will of her deceased husband, in every respect as fully and amply as if no person had been joined with her in the executorship. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from sundry merchants and traders of Baltimore-town, respecting the vendue office, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. M^cHenry, Mr. Quynn, Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Sterett and Mr. Digges, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore and Frederick counties, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Shriver, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.