

Mary's county to make a reasonable allowance to the said Benjamin Bradburn, for the support of his daughter so born an idiot. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Carroll, Mr. W. Tilghman and Mr. Parnham, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Edward Oldham, of Cæcil county, beg leave to report, that they have considered the same, and as they are satisfied that the petitioner will be a considerable sufferer by the property being of less value than the sum for which he stands bound to the state, they think it reasonable that a resolution should pass agreeably to the prayer of the said petition. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Humphrey Belt, Richard Cramphin, Leonard Marbury Deakins and Samuel Shekels, securities of John Beall, late sheriff and collector for Prince-George's county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion a resolution ought to pass the general assembly, empowering the governor and council to suspend the sale of all real and personal property purchased by the agent under an act, entitled, An act to empower the governor and council to compound with the discoverers of British property, and for other purposes, until the end of this session of assembly. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a resolution pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. Mr. B. Worthington and Mr. Dorsey, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petitions of Benjamin Dashiell and William Norris, the executors of John Mitchell, and Robert Lemmon, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find that the said Robert Lemmon hath paid into the treasury the whole amount of principal and interest for which the said Mitchell and his securities were liable to the state, in consequence whereof they have received full credit in the treasury therefor, and their bond has been delivered up to the said Robert Lemmon, who is now in possession of it.

The committee further report, that in their opinion an execution cannot properly issue for the state to affect the real property of the said John Mitchell, as he devised his real estate to an alien, and died leaving an alien his heir, so that the state has a title to the same by escheat.

The committee therefore think it reasonable, that under the circumstances of the case, an act should pass directing the sale of the said property, for the purposes of discharging the claim of the said Robert Lemmon, in the first instance, in consequence of the payment aforesaid, the residue to be applied to the payment of the other debts of the said John Mitchell, in equal proportions, according to the amount of their several claims, and the overplus, if any, to be paid to the state, or such person as by law would be entitled to the said real estate if the same had not been sold.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be empowered to suspend all further proceedings of the agents appointed to sell the real and personal property purchased under the act, entitled, An act to empower the governor and council to compound with the discoverers of British property, and for other purposes, until the end of this session of assembly.

Sent to the senate by Mr. R. Bowie.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to facilitate the draining of land. ORDERED, That Mr. M^cHenry, Mr. Gale, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Murray, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Steele, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report on the petition of John Pickering, of Dorchester county; which was read.

A petition from John Brown, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. M^cHenry, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Craik, Mr. Ridgely and Mr. W. Tilghman, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Richard Mason, of Charles county, respecting a schooner condemned in the court of admiralty, and sold at public vendue, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Matthews, Mr. Parnham and Mr. Mason, to consider and report thereon.

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