

T U E S D A Y, November 24, 1789.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Levin Hopkins, of Worcester county, beg leave to report, that they have considered the same, and believe the facts stated to be true; and as no remedy is given by any existing law of this state, your committee are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted, and a law passed directing a sale of the lands, for the purpose of paying the debts of the intestate. All which is submitted to honourable house.

By order, J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and Edward Oldham and wife, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. W. Tilghman, Mr. Matthews and Mr. Parnham, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Elam Baily, stating that he purchased of the commissioners of confiscated property one eighth part of the Nottingham furnace and forges, which remains in as good a situation as when purchased, and praying to be released from the purchase aforesaid, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed to take into consideration the situation of the public creditors and debtors under the consolidating act.

A petition from James Boggs, of Cæcil county, stating that he is confined in goal for money due the state for the purchase of certain confiscated property, and praying to be liberated, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Winder, Mr. Norris and Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. to consider and report thereon.

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

To the honourable the general assembly of Maryland.

THE commissioners appointed by virtue of an act, 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, beg leave to report, that they have proceeded in the execution of their powers, and after having taken an actual view of the different lands subject to the pre-emption of the settlers, have completed the valuation of the same.

That agreeably to the direction of the said act, they have distributed amongst the officers and soldiers of the Maryland line, and their legal representatives, 2734 lots.

That they have delivered out 680 tickets, agreeably to such distribution, and that the remainder of the tickets are in their hands.

That they have found all their attempts to sell the remaining lots ineffectual; no offers were made which they thought proper to accept, as they conceived themselves not justified in taking less than three shillings and nine-pence an acre, which sum the state affixed by law as the value of unappropriated and vacant land.

The commissioners have, in compliance with the law, made a record of all their valuations, and of the lots distributed by them amongst the officers and soldiers aforesaid, and have returned the same to the register of the land-office.

The commissioners beg leave to observe, that they have been obliged to refuse lots to many soldiers who they believe are entitled to them, their names not being contained in the list furnished by the auditor-general, by which list the commissioners are governed, and that in one instance the application of the heirs of an officer who was killed in action, has been rejected, such officer's name being omitted in the auditor's list.

DAVID LYNN,  
BENJAMIN BROOKES, } Commissioners.

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 William Hammond, of Baltimore county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true, and are of opinion a resolution ought to pass the general assembly, directing the treasurer of the western shore to return unto said William Hammond, or his order, the sum lodged by him under an act passed at October session, seventeen hundred and eighty. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Andrew Haggerty, late a soldier in the Maryland line, praying the depreciation of his pay, was preferred and read.

A petition from Daniel Charles Heath, of Cæcil county, praying an exclusive privilege of holding fairs in the town of Warwick, in Cæcil county, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Robert Hodgson. ORDERED, That Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Barnes be added to the said committee.

A petition from Margaret Fisher, and others, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Faw, Mr. J. Worthington, Mr. Banckes, Mr. Dorsey and Mr. W. Tilghman, to consider and report thereon.