

per, and much for the advantage of the estate of the idiot Joseph Enfor, whose person and estate the petitioners Edward Oldham and wife, are guardians and trustees, to pass an act agreeably to the prayer of the petition. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from William Robertson, late collector of the tax in Montgomery county, stating that he hath fully paid the amount of taxes due the state, and praying to be released from the ten per cent. interest; was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from Thomas Worrell, of Kent county, stating that his father Edward Worrell was appointed collector of the public taxes in the year 1789; that he is since dead, without completing the collection; and praying he may be empowered to collect the balances by execution; was preferred and read.

A petition from John Eccleston and Richard Waters, of Dorchester county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Murray, Mr. Duvall, Mr. Shaw and Mr. Sterett, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from James Earle, of Talbot county, stating that he has a claim against the state, as clerk of the general court of the eastern shore, for fees on suits and executions brought and issued on the part of the state, and praying his claim may be allowed; was preferred, read, and referred to the committee of claims to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Samuel Chase, of Baltimore-town, stating that he purchased sundry lots of land on Whetstone-Point, and in the city of Annapolis; that he hath paid, in part of said purchases, the sum of £.468 11 2; and praying to be released from said purchases; was preferred and read.

A memorial from Samuel Chase, of Baltimore-town, stating, that he, with a certain John Churchman, of Cæcil county, in the year 1785, contracted with the late intendant of the revenue for the purchase (as tenants in common) of all the reserved lands in Harford and Baltimore counties, not exceeding twenty thousand acres of land, at three shillings and nine-pence per acre; for which they passed their bonds to the state; that they are of opinion it is not in the power of the state to make a good title to the land contracted for; and praying the said contract may be rescinded; was preferred and read.

ORDERED, That the said memorial and petition be referred to the committee appointed on the petition of John Eccleston and Richard Waters.

A petition from Simon Nicholls, stating that he is in arrears for taxes due the state, which he bonded for, with security; that he has paid the interest on his bond for the year 1788, and part of the principal; scire facias hath issued against him and his securities for the payment of the second year's interest; and praying to be relieved from the said interest; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. Burges and Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Jeremiah Mudd, administrator of his brother Martin Mudd, late a soldier in the Maryland line, praying the depreciation of pay due the said Martin Mudd, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Parnham, Mr. Barnes and Mr. Quynn, to consider and report thereon.

A memorial from the securities of Thomas Williams, stating that the said Williams, in the years 1781 and 1782, paid into the treasury a sum of black money at two and three for one, which he received at par; that he was owing at the same time for the sinking fund tax; and praying the treasurer may be directed to apply the aforesaid payments made by the said Williams to discharge so much of the sinking fund, and also praying a further indulgence; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Duvall, Mr. Oneale, Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. Craik, Mr. W. Tilghman, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Sterett, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Stayton, of Baltimore-town, beg leave to report, that they have examined the same, and are of opinion the allegations therein contained are true. Your committee are therefore of opinion an act should pass releasing the said William Stayton from confinement, on his delivering up all his property to the sheriff for the benefit of his creditors, agreeably to the act of assembly of seventeen hundred and seventy-four, in that case made and provided. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Craik, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the report on the petition of Bushrod and Corbin Washington as amended; which was read.

James Carroll, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the benefit of Barbara Hall, endorsed; "By the senate, November 16, 1789: Read the first time and ordered to lie "on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, November 24, 1789: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

A petition from Overton Carr, of Prince-George's county, stating that there is a balance due him from Jonathan Boucher, whose estate was confiscated and sold by the state, and praying the treasurer may be directed to grant him a certificate for the amount of the said balance, endorsed; "By the "senate, November 25, 1789: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

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