

Mr. Lynn, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the division of Washington county, and for erecting a new one by the name of ———; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lowes brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower Margaret Hudson, administratrix of Jonathan Hudson, deceased, to sell and convey a tract or parcel of land called Sophia's Garden; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Carroll brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to enable the justices of Saint-Mary's county court to assess a sum of money on the said county for the support of an idiot, the child of Benjamin Bradburn, in the said county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Sterett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act concerning the usage of slaves, servants and apprentices; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Shaw, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report on the petition of Richard Waters and John Eccleston, as amended, viz.

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard Waters and John Eccleston, beg leave to report, that on the fourth day of August, 1785, the petitioners purchased of the state of Maryland the lands mentioned in the petition, under a particular agreement, a copy of which is herewith laid before the house; that since said purchase, the heirs of colonel Ryder have so far proceeded to establish their claim, which was made by them on the day of sale, as to have obtained a commission to establish the bounds of the tract of land called Bartholomew's Clove, and have taken sundry depositions thereon, copies of which are laid before this honourable house.

Your committee, not having the plot of the said tract before them, cannot ascertain with precision what part of the land will be taken away by the claim of the heirs of colonel Ryder, if the beginning of Bartholomew's Clove be established according to the depositions taken; but from the best information which your committee have been able to obtain, the petitioners will each of them lose about eighty acres, and that of the most valuable part of said purchase.

Your committee are of opinion that the executions issued against them, and all further process on their bonds, be suspended until the chancellor shall determine finally on the petition of the aforesaid Richard Waters, concerning the said purchase.

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 Peter Lawson, and John D. Thompson, a minor, son of John D. Thompson, deceased, securities of John Ward Veazey, collector of the public tax in Cæcil county for the year 1786, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find by an account stated by Henry Hollingsworth, agent for the state, that said Veazey owes a balance of £. 2129 3 9¹ principal sum of the said tax, and that all his property that could be found has been sold at suit of the state. Your committee are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners is reasonable, and that a law ought to pass empowering said Lawson, surviving security, to call on said Veazey to give counter security for the balances due on the books, or if he shall refuse or neglect to give such security, (to be approved of by the commissioners of the tax for the county aforesaid,) to take out of his possession all the books respecting the collection of the said tax, and have power to make the collection in the same manner as said Veazey could do by law.

The committee are further of opinion, that the petitioners, being innocent sufferers, are entitled to the indulgence of the legislature, by giving a longer time to pay the balance; and that it would be right to put it in the power of the petitioners to proceed against said Veazey as effectually as if they had paid the whole balance now due.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

The order of the day for the second reading of the bill to regulate the inspection of tobacco, was postponed till to-morrow morning.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to incorporate certain persons in every christian church or congregation throughout this state. ORDERED, That Mr. M^rHenry, Mr. J. Tilghman and Mr. Craik, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

F R I D A Y, December 4, 1789.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Whereas an act of assembly passed at April session, 1787, empowering Sarah Buchanan, executrix of Archibald Buchanan, deceased, Alexander Cowan, Thomas Sim Lee, Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer and Benjamin Nicholson, to sell and dispose of certain lands, for the purpose of paying and discharging a debt due the state by the said Buchanan, for which Alexander Cowan and John Taylor were securities, and the said trustees accordingly did sell the lands mentioned in the said act