

act to Thomas Cockey Deye, of whom they received two thirds of the purchase money, and paid the same into the treasury; that the remaining one third the purchaser hath refused to pay, and a bill in chancery is now depending to compel him so to do; and it appearing but just and reasonable that the securities of the said Archibald Buchanan, deceased, should be indulged in the payment of the balance until a decision of the said suit in chancery, **RESOLVED**, That all proceedings against the aforesaid John Taylor, and the estate of Alexander Cowan, deceased, for the aforesaid debt of the said Archibald Buchanan, deceased, be suspended until the decision of the above-mentioned suit in the chancery court, or until the end of the next session of assembly.

The report on the petition of Mary Magruder, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

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 Benjamin Rogers, of Baltimore county, beg leave to report, that from the vouchers produced it appears, that the said Benjamin Rogers contracted with the commissioners of the late proprietary for the purchase (at twenty pounds per 100 acres) of part of the reserved land in Baltimore county, and the said Benjamin Rogers was charged with 1753 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres, and paid a considerable sum of money, leaving in the hands of the said commissioners £. 18 18 9 sterling, which was to be applied in discharge of lands for which a certificate was thereafter to be returned, having obtained patents for part of the lands so purchased of the said commissioners, amounting to 1610 acres, so there appears to be still due 143 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres, besides the balance in money as above mentioned; that the said Benjamin Rogers had a certificate of survey for a parcel of land called Benjamin's Hills and Vallies, containing 530 acres, (423 acres whereof was reserve, the other being patented land is not chargeable in account against him) made in consequence of his original contract aforesaid, but which was never filed with the said commissioners, therefore the excess or surplus could not be charged in their books; that by the act of November session, 1784, chapter 75, section 5, grants are authorized to issue for lands purchased of the commissioners, yet the said Benjamin Rogers cannot avail himself of the said act, because no statement of his account was left with the treasurer; your committee are therefore of opinion that an act should pass authorizing the treasurer to state an account, and settle with the said Benjamin Rogers, and upon payment of the balance, (to be applied as the aforesaid act directs) pass his receipt, and thereupon the said Benjamin Rogers be entitled to a patent on the certificate aforesaid, called Benjamin's Hills and Vallies. 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.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Veazey, of the state of Delaware, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and believe the facts therein stated to be true. The committee are of opinion, that where a tract of land lies partly in Delaware and partly in Maryland, it cannot be good policy to prevent a man, whose buildings and improvements are on the Delaware side of the line, from bringing his slaves into Maryland, so as to cultivate and improve the part that lies therein; they therefore beg leave to submit it as their opinion, that it will be reasonable to pass an act relieving the said Veazey from the inconveniences set forth in his petition. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, the question was put, That the house proceed to the order of the day for the second reading of the bill to regulate the inspection of tobacco? Determined in the negative. **ORDERED**, That the said bill have a second reading on Thursday next.

Mr. M. Tilghman brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower Thomas Worrell, of Kent county, to complete the collections due and unpaid to his deceased father for the year 1789; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Robert Smith, Jacob Norris and Hans Crevey, creditors of William Cole, deceased, beg leave to report, that in addition to the facts stated in said petition, they are informed that the said William Cole died without heirs capable of inheriting, and that the real estate left by him is liable to the laws of escheat. The committee find that no person has availed himself of the opportunity of escheating the said real estate, and are of opinion that it is reasonable that the same should be sold for the benefit of creditors in the first instance, the surplus, after deducting commissions, and other charges of sale, &c. to go to the state. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

The bill for the relief of William Morris, and Benjamin Dashiell, administrator of Joseph Dashiell, and for other purposes, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate, with the resolution respecting Sarah Buchanan, and others, by Mr. Winder.

The bill for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors confined in sundry gaols of this state, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Freeland.

The amendment to the bill for the relief of Sarah Hall, of Baltimore county, was read the second time and dissented to.