

Mr. Matthews, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report on the petition of John Brown, of Queen-Anne's county; which was read.

A petition from Nicholas Merryman, of Baltimore county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. Mr. Duvall and Mr. Owings, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of fundry inhabitants of Bladensburg, in Prince-George's county, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

RESOLVED, That the resolution of this house, regulating its hours of sitting, be and it is hereby rescinded.

On motion, the question was put, That this house will hereafter sit, for the dispatch of public business, from nine o'clock in the morning till one, and from three o'clock in the afternoon till seven?

The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Ridgely, appeared as follow :

		A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messieurs	W. Tilghman,	Owings,	Oldham,	Faw,	Banckes,	Stull,		
	Moore,	Sherwood,	Hollingsworth,	Shriver,	Whitely,	Ott,		
	Fraizer,	Kerr,	Purnell,	Bayly,	Emory,	Lynn,		
	Freeland,	Gale,	Dennis,	Dorsey,	Mafon,	Burgefs,		
	Ridgely,	Winder,	Dashiell,	Pinkney,	Sterett,	Crabb.	35.	
	Ridgely, of Wm.	Lecompte,	Houston,	Love,	Shryock,			
		N E G A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Carroll,	Harwood,	M'Pherfon,	Bond,	Digges,	Scney,		
	Hopewell,	B. Worthington,	Lowes,	R. Bowie,	Quynn,	O'Brion,		
	N. Worthington,	Somervell,	Shaw,	W. Bowie,	Duvall,	M'Henry.	20.	
	J. Worthington,	Craik,						

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. M'Pherfon be added to the committee appointed to consider and report on the petition of Charles Mankin, of Charles county.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Dorsey, of Anne-Arundel county, beg leave to report, that they have examined into the facts stated in the said petition, and find them true; and therefore that your committee are of opinion, that the balance of the debt due from the said Thomas Dorsey, on bonds passed by him and the other obligors, to the state, on the fourth day of February, seventeen hundred and eighty-two, for state money and continental state money, ought to be adjusted and liquidated at the value of the said two species of paper money at the time of passing the said bonds; that the interest on the final settlement certificates paid by the said Thomas Dorsey on the tenth day of September, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, beyond the interest required by the resolution of April session, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, be paid to him in indents; and that a reasonable time be allowed to the said Thomas Dorsey for payment of the said balance, by equal instalments, or that the one eighth part of the Nottingham Forges and White-Marin Furnace, with the lands, negroes and stock, sold by this state to Samuel Chase and captain Ridgely, and six other persons, and paid for by the said Samuel Chase, and to be conveyed by him to the said Thomas Dorsey, subject to the payment of the said debt, be received from the said Thomas Dorsey, in payment and discharge of the balance now due on the said bonds, as the governor and the council shall determine to be most for the interest and benefit of the state. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Swearingen and Ruth Wilcoxon, beg leave to report, that they believe the facts in the said petition to be truly stated; but are, notwithstanding, of opinion that the prayer thereof ought not to be granted. - All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

The report on the petition of John Swan, Daniel Jenifer and George Scott, was read the second time and concurred with.

The resolution respecting James John Skinner, was read the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate, together with the bill 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, by Mr. Carroll.

Mr. Craik brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following resolution :

RESOLVED, That the surveyor of Washington county be and is hereby authorized and directed to amend the certificates of survey of three tracts of land called Castle-Hill, Both Ends the Bush and Deer Park, formerly surveyed under warrants granted to John Swan, Walter Hanson Jenifer and Andrew Scott, in the year 1774, agreeable to the original field notes of the said surveys; and that the register of the land-office be and is hereby directed to issue patents for the same, agreeably to the said corrected certificates.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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 Robert Amos, collector of the taxes of Harford county for the years 1783 and 1785, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration,