

A petition from William Perkins, of Kent county, praying an act may pass to discharge him from debts which he is unable to pay, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from William Brown and Simon Wicks, jun. of Kent county, praying for a deduction from a debt due the state, and the benefit of the late act for the instalment of certain state debts, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Duvall, Mr. Tilghman, and Mr. Moore, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Josiah Ringgold, of Kent county, praying that the benefit of the act for instalment of certain state debts may be extended to him, was preferred and read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Moore, of Sussex county, administrator de bonis non of Outerbridge Horsley, of Somerset county, deceased, report, that they are fully satisfied with the authenticity of the facts stated in the petition, and are also of opinion, that according to equity and good conscience the petitioner ought to be relieved in the premises by a resolution of the house to that purpose, directing the auditor to liquidate the certificate in the petition mentioned, and that the treasurer should grant a certificate for the same. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDBER, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Charles Ridgely Carnan, William Goodwin, Lyde Goodwin, and Deborah Sterett, of Baltimore county, praying that the surnames of the said Charles Ridgely Carnan, and of Charles Goodwin, of William, Charles Goodwin, of Lyde, and Charles Sterett, may be altered to the name of Ridgely, was preferred, and read the first and second time, and the question put, That the prayer of the said petition be granted? Resolved in the affirmative, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas James Bullitt, of Talbot county, who intermarried with the widow and administratrix of John Caille Harrison, deceased, report, that they have considered the said petition, and sundry vouchers produced by the petitioner, which, although they are not strictly legal, induce your committee to be of opinion, that great part, if not the whole of the state's claim against the estate of the deceased Mr. Harrison, is settled. Your committee think it would be hard to confine the petitioner to the rigour of the law, as ten years have elapsed since the transaction on which the state's claim is founded, and the petitioners have probably lost the advantage of better vouchers by accidents which happened during the war, and by the sudden death of Mr. Harrison, who was a gentleman of irreproachable character. Your committee therefore recommend a resolution authorizing the auditor, under the direction of the governor and council, to settle the account between the state and the administrators of the said John Caille Harrison on equitable principles, allowing such vouchers as they may think, under all circumstances, to be reasonable and satisfactory. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. WINCHESTER, jun. clk.

Which was read.

A petition from James Hutchings, of Queen-Anne's county, praying that a debt due him by the late Sir Robert Eden, may be liquidated, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. Pinkney, and Mr. Seney, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Anna Maria Sewell, of the city of Annapolis, praying for a divorce from her husband, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Pinkney, and Mr. M'Mechen, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Stephen Masters, of Allegany county, praying that the treasurer of the western shore may be authorized to issue a certificate to him for services rendered to the state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Gough, Mr. Quyn, and Mr. Rochetter, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Winder, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Constant Disharoon, of Somerset county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. M'Mechen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry insolvent debtors, report, that they have taken into their consideration the petition of William Perkins, of Kent county, and find that the allegations therein stated are true, and that he has given due notice of his intention to apply to the legislature for relief. Your committee are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the said petition ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. WINCHESTER, jun. clk.

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

A petition from George French, of Montgomery county, praying a law to confirm his grants for certain lands in said county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Burgess, Mr. Cresap, Mr. Jacques, and Mr. Forrest, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Montgomery county, praying that the justices of the said county may be authorized to contract for the building of a tobacco warehouse in George-town, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Burgess, Mr. Oncale, and Mr. Forrest, to consider and report thereon.