

numission of slaves by any last will or testament, and of a supplementary act thereto, and for certain other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

YOUR committee, to whom was referred the petition of John Tomlinson, of Allegany county, report, that they have taken the prayer of the petitioner into consideration, and find, from the certificate thereunto annexed from the register of the land-office, and other information, that the facts therein set forth are true, and that the request of the petitioner is reasonable and ought to be granted, and that a resolution ought to pass, directing the register of the land-office to issue a warrant to the said petitioner for one hundred acres of land, in lieu of the one lost, and that the lost certificate, if found, shall be null and void. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. WINCHESTER, jun. clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of George Devilbiss, of Frederick county, report, that they have taken the prayer of the said petition into consideration, and find, from the certificate thereunto annexed from the surveyor of said county, and other information, that the facts therein set forth are true, and that the request of the petitioner is reasonable and ought to be granted, and that a resolution ought to pass, directing the treasurer of the western shore to pay unto the said George Devilbiss seventeen pounds and fifteen shillings current money, it being the sum he paid to the treasurer aforesaid on the four acres of land and the improvements thereon which ought not to have been included in his survey. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. WINCHESTER, jun. clk.

Which was read.

RESOLVED, That all money which shall be paid into the treasury of the western shore, arising from arrearages of taxes received from the several collectors appointed since the first day of January, 1783, or their securities, (except the two shillings and six-pence fund tax,) shall be retained by the said treasurer, subject to the future disposition of the general assembly.

Sent to the senate, with the supplement to an act for the relief of the poor of Somerset county, by Mr. Sherwood.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to change and alter another act, entitled, An act relating to replevins, passed at November session, 1785. ORDERED, That Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Tilghman, and Mr. Oneale, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The report on the petition of Thomas James Bullitt, was read the second time, concurred with, and thereupon, RESOLVED, That the auditor, under the direction of the governor and council, be authorized to settle the account between the state of Maryland, Thomas James Bullitt, and his wife, administratrix of John Caile Harrison, deceased, on equitable principles, allowing such vouchers as they may think, under all circumstances, to be reasonable and satisfactory.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Denwood.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Stephen Masters, of Allegany county, report, that they have taken the said petition into consideration, and find the allegations stated in the said petition are true, and are of opinion that the prayer of the said petition is reasonable and ought to be granted. Your committee therefore recommend the following resolution for that purpose.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and required, to issue a certificate to Stephen Masters, of Allegany county, for the sum of four pounds and four-pence current money, for services rendered to this state in surveying the lands westward of Fort Cumberland, on the said Stephen Masters giving security to indemnify the state from a certificate granted therefor by Francis Deakins.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. WINCHESTER, jun. clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Harris, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to enable the inhabitants of Saint John's parish, in Queen-Anne's and Caroline counties, to elect vestrymen and churchwardens for said parish; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The petition of Josiah Ringgold, was referred to Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Ridgely, and Mr. Kerr, to consider and report thereon.

The petition of John Manning, was referred to the committee on the above petition of Josiah Ringgold.

A petition from Charles Wallace, John Muir, and Thomas and Benjamin Harwood, counter to the petition of Dennis Griffith, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Ridgely, and Mr. Duvall, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Ringgold appeared in the house.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of Joseph Clark, of the city of Annapolis, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the sum of money claimed of the state of Maryland, for services as set forth in said memorial, ought not to be allowed the said memorialist. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. WINCHESTER, jun. clk.

Which was read.

Mr.