

taxes aforesaid, by which he will sustain a certain loss of £. 1282 12 7, with interest, the petitioner ought to be indulged by the legislature with a credit of ten years, on paying the interest annually. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Harris, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Elliott, report, that they have considered the allegations therein stated, and find them to be true. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that the benefit of the late instalment law should be extended to the said Elliott, and that the interest accruing on the debt mentioned in his petition should be remitted in the same manner as indulgences have been granted to other persons in similar situations. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. WINCHESTER, jun. clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Ott, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying to open a public road from Swearingen's ferry on Patowmack river, to the iron-works and mills at the mouth of Anti-eatem, and from thence into the main road leading to Frederick-town, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true, and are of opinion that a law ought to pass appointing commissioners, and authorising them to lay off and open said road, on the petitioners paying to the proprietors of land the damages, if any, that may accrue by reason of the said road. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. WINCHESTER, jun. clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Lecompte, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore-town, respecting the inspection of lumber, report, that they have considered the same, and are of opinion that the regulation prayed for is unnecessary, and ought not to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. WINCHESTER, jun. clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Burgess, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition from sundry inhabitants of Montgomery county, report, that they have taken the said petition into consideration, and find, that the quantity of tobacco carried to George-town for inspection, renders it impossible to inspect and store the same in the present warehouses. Your committee are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the said petition is reasonable, and that the granting the same will be of public utility and convenience. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. WINCHESTER, jun. clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Burgess, Mr. Forrest, and Mr. Oneale, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Tilghman brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to enable Richard Tilghman Earle to sell and convey certain property of his deceased father Richard Tilghman Earle; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Downes.

Mr. Ridgely, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of Archibald Moncrieff, Robert Dorsey, William H. Dorsey, and Thomas Galloway, report, that in the year 1782 John Dorsey purchased of the state, in company with Charles Ridgely, and others, one undivided eighth part of the confiscated British property known by the name of the Nottingham Works, amounting to £. 4232 4 0³ black money, £. 1670 16 8 continental state money, and £. 115 5 6 red money, in the whole £. 6055 16 2³; that the said Dorsey paid into the treasury £. 1185 12 6 black and continental state money, and £. 115 5 6 red money; and that in the year 1785 he paid, agreeably to the requisition of the intendant, a further sum of £. 911 12 6 black and continental state money, and gave his bonds, with Thomas Galloway and Robert Dorsey securities, for about £. 4700, and Thomas Yates and Robert Dorsey securities for about £. 351, payable in the year 1790; that the said John Dorsey is an insolvent debtor, and that suits have been commenced against his said securities to compel payment of their bonds; that the said property was purchased in a depreciated paper of at least three for one, and prices given under that idea; that it appears the said property is much increased in value from the improvements which have been made, in which the profits arising from the works have been expended; that your committee have reason to believe, from the situation of the said securities, they are entirely unable to pay any part of the said bonds, but what must arise from the sale of the property, which appears to your committee has been frequently attempted, but could not, from its situation, be effected. Your committee therefore recommend it as the immediate interest of the state, to take back the property, and release the said securities, being convinced it is all they will ever obtain from them; in which case they are willing to relinquish the payments that have been made, to the amount of £. 2217 19 2. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

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