

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying that a law may pass appointing commissioners to lay off a road from Samuel Owings's bridge, in said county, to Nicholas Carroll's grist mill, and from thence to Chestnut Ridge, until it intersects the road at the plantation formerly possessed by Peter Bond, report, that they have taken into consideration the circumstances of the case, and are of opinion that the prayer of the 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, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Quynn, and Mr. Duvall, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Anne Williams, James Heard and Joseph Williams, in behalf of William and James Williams, two orphans, praying an act may pass empowering them to dispose of certain lands, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Plater, Mr. Carroll, and Mr. B. Worthington, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from John Rolph and Benjamin Hatcheson, of Kent county, praying that they may be released from the payment of interest on the arrearages of taxes due from Thomas Boyer, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Lethbury, Mr. Tilghman, and Mr. Winder, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Adam Huble, praying that he may have credit on his bond to the state, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Rolph and Hatcheson.

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

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Walter M^rPherson, report, that they have taken into consideration the said petition, and are of opinion that a resolution pass, directing the treasurer to repay to Mr. M^rPherson all the money which he may have paid into the treasury for interest due from him as collector, after deducting the expence which the state has necessarily been at in consequence of his non-payment. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order, W. E. SEWELL, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Quynn, 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 Frederick county, report, that they have examined the facts therein stated, and believe them to be true, and are of opinion, from the unfortunate situation to which the executrix of Adam Fisher, late collector of Frederick county, and her securities, are reduced by the death of the said Adam Fisher, and the misconduct of his deputies, that a rigid execution of the law will ruin some, and very much distress others.

Your committee are therefore of opinion, that if a longer time was given for the payment of the balance now due, it would alleviate the distress of the securities, and be of no great injury to the state.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order, T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Jeremiah Baker, of Cecil county, respecting a base doubloon received from the treasury, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee of claims.

James Carroll, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to regulate auctions in Baltimore-town, endorsed; "By the senate, November 27, 1790: Read the first time and ordered " to lie on the table.

" By order, H. RIDGELY, jun. clk.

" By the senate, November 27, 1790: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order, H. RIDGELY, jun. clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 27, 1790.

GENTLEMEN,

THIS house cannot agree to reconsider the bill respecting the marriage of Hercules Courtenay, of Baltimore-town. As long as an act of assembly is in force, which prohibits such connexions under certain penalties, it appears improper to sanction any violation of the law by a particular act; and although some precedents are already established upon this subject, yet these, in our opinion, furnish reasons for repealing that part of the act, rather than for extending the indulgence of the legislature to further instances. The precedents alluded to, and the passage of the bill in question, would amount to a virtual repeal, because the existing law would cease to have effect, since the assembly could in no instance refuse to grant its indulgence in case of future breaches of the law, without disagreeable imputations. For this reason we think it more advisable to repeal that part of the act which is mentioned in the bill which has originated in this house; and under an expectation that you will reconsider the subject, we have again sent it back for that purpose.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The bill for the relief of Constant Disharoon, of Somerset county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Winder.

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

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