

Mr. Parnham, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John and Walter Hanson, report, that they have considered the same, and are of opinion, that from the facts existing in this case, the petitioners are entitled to relief from this assembly, and do recommend that a resolution should pass, authorizing and directing the treasurer to deliver up to the petitioners their bond, upon their delivering up to the state's agent the buildings upon which the money was expended. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Plater, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Anne Williams, James Heard, and James Williams, report, that it is their opinion the chancellor be directed to inquire into the facts, and if it appears to him most to the interest of the orphans, to appoint trustees to sell the land, and appropriate the proceeds most to the benefit of the children. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. E. SEWELL, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Henry Stevenson and Solomon Hellen, of Baltimore county, praying an increase of salary as inspectors for Baltimore county, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed to bring in a supplement to the act for the inspection of tobacco.

Mr. R. Bond, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to enable the treasurer of the western shore to issue certificates in the cases therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed.

The bill to repeal part of an act for the relief of Elizabeth Wilson, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate, with the bill to enable the treasurer of the western shore to issue certificates in the cases therein mentioned, by Mr. Moore.

The report on the petition of William Amos, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Harwood appeared in the house.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to render void the feat of any member of the legislature of this state who shall be elected a member of the congress of the United States, and to render any citizen of this state, who now holds, or may hereafter hold, any office of profit or trust under the congress of the United States, during his continuance in such office, ineligible to a seat in the legislature of this state? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Ridgely, of William, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

	Carroll,	Freeland,	Murray,	Setey,	M'Pherson,	Jacques,
	T. Bond,	Craik,	Steele,	Harris,	M'Comas,	Burgels,
Messrs	Moore,	Stone,	Goldsbrough,	Chaille,	Downes,	Crabb,
	Tilghman,	Ridgely, of Wm.	R. Bond,	Dennis,	Douglas,	Oneale,
	N. Worthington,	Gough,	Hollingsworth,	Martin,	Ott,	Beall,
	B. Worthington,	Sherwood,	Foreman,	Holland,	Rochester,	Tomlinson,
	Wilkinson,	King,	Clark,	Beatty,	Cellar,	Cresap. 45.
	Gantt,	Winder,	Quynn,			
			N E G A T I V E.			
Messrs	Harwood,	Denwood,	Gomber,	Bayly,	Walker,	Forrest. 8.
	Parnham,	Duvall,				

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That Mr. Murray, Mr. Craik, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Lethrbury, and Mr. Ridgely, of William, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

THE committee appointed to take into consideration the title of the Choptank Indians to the lands which they now possess, report, that by an act, entitled, An act for the continuation of peace with, and protection of, our neighbours and confederates, Indians on Choptank river, passed in the year sixteen hundred and sixty-nine, all that land on the south side of Choptank river, bounded westerly by the freehold now in the possession of William Dorrington, and easterly with Secretary Sewell's creek, for breadth, and for length three miles into the woods, was settled upon the Choptank Indians and their heirs for ever, to be held of the then lord proprietary, under the yearly rent of six beaver skins.

That by an act passed in the year seventeen hundred and twenty-one, entitled, An act to empower his honour the governor for the time being, to appoint any person or persons whatsoever to resurvey the Indian's lands, and ascertain the bounds thereof, commissioners were appointed to survey the said lands; and by another act, passed in the year seventeen hundred and twenty-three, entitled, An act for quieting the possessions of the Indians inhabiting on Nanticoke and Choptank rivers, the said lands, according to the survey aforesaid, are secured to the Choptank Indians and their descendants, so long as they shall occupy or claim, and shall not totally desert, the same; but it was provided by the said last mentioned act, that the said Choptank Indians, at any time thereafter, should not, on any pretence whatsoever, alienate, dispose, sell, or let to farm, any part or parcel of the said lands before mentioned, except that part thereof which lies to the eastward, southward and westward, of those lines formerly run from the head of Secretary Sewell's creek to the bounded tree of William Dorrington, by Colonel Thomas