

A representation from the justices of Charles county, stating, that the court-house of the said county wants repair, and praying that the same may be repaired, and that a sum of money may be levied to erect a prison in the said county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Craik, Mr. Chapman and Mr. M'Pherson, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Thomas Hyde, of the city of Annapolis, praying that he may be refunded certain money paid into the treasury in satisfaction of a British debt, agreeably to the act of assembly, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Duvall, Mr. Quynn and Mr. J. Worthington; to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of Samuel Sterett, beg leave to report, that they have examined the facts stated in the memorial, and are of opinion that it is proper to grant the prayer of the memorialist. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, 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 memorial and petition of the select vestry of Saint-Michael's parish, in Talbot county, and James Tilghman, Esquire, of Kent county, beg leave to report, that on consideration of the same, they are of opinion that an act should be passed enabling the select vestry of the said parish, and the said James Tilghman, to make such exchange of parts of the said plantation and lands, as may be convenient to all parties, agreeably to the prayer of the petition.

By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Augustine Boyer, counter to the petition of Jeremiah Baker, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on the petitions of insolvent debtors.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Kent county, praying an alteration in the mode of granting attachments, and to increase the fees of constables, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. T. Ringgold, Mr. Craik, Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. Mr. Kerr and Mr. Claggett, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Richard Dorsey, praying to receive the half pay of a captain, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Mercer, Mr. Cockey and Mr. S. Smith, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of George Wallace, beg leave to report, that on examining the premises, they find that a certain Leonard Strous bought of the commissioners for the sale of confiscated property, a certain lot in Elkton, in Cæcil county, known on the plot by the number 26, containing one acre of land, for the sum of £. 45, which sum said Strous neglected to bond for or make payment, on which a fieri facias did issue against the said lot, by order of the deputy state's attorney, on the 30th day of October, 1786, and on the return of said writ, a venditioni exponas was issued on the 30th day of April, 1787, and the sheriff of said county, by virtue of said writ, did expose said lot to public sale, when the petitioner, George Wallace, became the purchaser, and did, on the eighth day of August, 1787, by direction of the deputy state's attorney, pay unto the said sheriff the full amount of the purchase money, and take his deed of conveyance for said lot; which conveyance, the said petitioner apprehends, does not convey a good title in said lot.

Your committee are of opinion that it is but just and reasonable, as the said sale was made by the officers of the state, that it should be confirmed, on the said Wallace's paying the sum of £. 17 15 current money, being the difference between the sale made by the said commissioners and the sale made by the sheriff; and your committee recommend that a resolution should pass directing that a patent should issue, on such payment being made for said lot, to the petitioner.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from lieutenant Henry C. Baker, praying half pay, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. S. Smith, Mr. Oldham and Mr. Chapman, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Cæcil and Kent counties, praying an act to establish a fair at the town of Warwick, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. J. Ringgold, Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Craik and Mr. Oldham, to consider and report thereon.

A remonstrance from sundry freemen of Anne-Arundel county, counter to the petition of sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel, Montgomery, and Frederick counties, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the said petitions.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Pinkney be added to the committee appointed on the petition of sundry citizens of the states of Pennsylvania and New-Jersey.

The report on the petition of John Pickering, was read the second time and concurred with.

Mr. Goldsborough brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following resolution:

Whereas it appears to this general assembly that there was due to John Pickering, a soldier of the second Maryland regiment, for his services in the army, the sum of sixty-seven pounds five shillings and four-pence specie, and that the said John Pickering was killed on the 18th day of June, 1781, and that some person unknown did, on the 20th day of June, 1783, personate the said John Pickering, and did obtain a certificate from the auditor-general for the said sum of £. 67 5 4 specie, being the amount