

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William M'Laughlin, the late collector of the tax for Baltimore county, report, that they have examined the same, and find, by the act of assembly passed at May session, 1781, chap. 25, section 20, that the collection of the tax imposed on subjects of the French king, was suspended; and by the certificate of the commissioners of the tax for Baltimore county, that in the year 1780 the said William M'Laughlin was charged with the taxes of two persons, to wit, Frederick De La Porte and Charles Mombos, subjects to the French king, for which the said collector ought to have credit at the treasury; and by the act of November session, 1790, chap. 65, section 7, that the state agent had power to give the collectors credit for all sums of money charged against them that arose on property belonging to the subjects of the French king, and exempted by law from taxation. Your committee conceive that the intention of the legislature was, to empower the agent to give the collectors credit for all sums of money charged against them that arose on property belonging to subjects of the French king, and suspended by law from collection, as it does not appear that the said property was exempted from taxation. They recommend a resolution to empower the state agent, or treasurer, to give the collectors credit for sums of money charged against them that arose on property belonging to French subjects, and suspended from collection. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

RESOLVED, That the state agent be and he is hereby empowered to give credit for sums of money charged against collectors of the tax, that arose on property belonging to subjects of the French king, which was suspended by law from collection.

The bill for the relief of Samuel Sterett, of Baltimore-town, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate, with the above resolution, the bill to appoint commissioners to sell and dispose of certain lands belonging to Stepney parish, in Somerset county, and to apply the money arising from the sales thereof, and the bill to revive and aid the proceedings of Harford county court, and for other purposes, by Mr. Pinkney.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the vestry of Great Choptank parish, in Dorchester county, beg leave to report, that they have considered the facts therein stated, and believe them true; the committee are therefore of opinion that a law ought to be passed, empowering the vestry of said parish to sell the materials of the old church in Cambridge, in the parish aforesaid, or to apply said materials to the building a new church in Cambridge, as in the opinion of said vestry will be most conducive to the interest of said parish. 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. ORDERED, That Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Frazier and Mr. Clagett, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A memorial from David Kerr, of Talbot county, praying an allowance for an account passed in the year 1782, which was disallowed by the late intendant, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. N. Worthington, Mr. Crabb and Mr. Sherwood, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from John Francis Gardiner, of Charles county, praying an allowance for wheat furnished to the state in the late war, was preferred, read, and referred, to Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Chapman, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from John Smith Brooks, of Prince-George's county, praying time to settle the balance due from him as security for Thomas Williams, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. T. Marshall, Mr. Bowie, Mr. Gantt, Mr. Oneale and Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. to consider and report thereon.

A petition from James Ainos, junior, of Harford county, praying for a law to direct the recording of a deed from Stewart and Grahame to him, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Craik, Mr. Seney, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Barnes, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Isaac Whitaker, of Harford county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from Susanna Howser, of Frederick-town, praying a restoration of the forfeited estate of her late husband, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Oneale, Mr. P. Smith, Mr. O'Bryon and Mr. Key, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. S. Smith has leave of absence till Wednesday next.

William Perry, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to lay a further tax on Cæcil county to complete the court-house, prison and prison yard, at Elkton, and the bill to authorise commissioners for building a court-house at Easton, in Talbot county, to sell and dispose of the old court-house, and for other purposes therein mentioned, severally endorsed; "By the senate, November 12, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, November 16, 1791: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

A bill, entitled, An act relative to commissioners from the court of chancery for examining witnesses and taking depositions, and to authorise the said court to decree a specific performance of agree-