

Mr. Oneale, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :
 THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Stringer Coale, of Baltimore-town, report, that they have taken the same into their most serious consideration, and are deeply and unalterably impressed with an opinion that the prayer thereof ought never to be granted.

By order, N. PINKNEY, clk.

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

A petition from Jason Jenkins, late a sergeant in the Maryland line, praying a certificate may issue to him in lieu of one he lost, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. T. Marshall, Mr. Waggonman and Mr. T. Gantt, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. R. Harwood, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :
 THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Martha Howard, report, that they find Benjamin Howard, in his life-time, was collector of the public taxes for one of the districts in Anne-Arundel county for the year 1786, and that in the year 1788 he was elected sheriff of Anne-Arundel county, and that Joseph Howard, the late husband of the petitioner, was one of the securities of the said Benjamin Howard for the two first years of his sheriffalty. They further find, that the said Benjamin Howard died some time in the month of April in the present year, without having completed the collection of the taxes for the year 1786, and without having finished the business of sheriff or collector of the county charges during his continuance in office. The committee are of opinion that a law ought to pass, to authorise and empower the said Martha Howard, executrix of Benjamin Howard, to finish the collection of public taxes for one of the districts of Anne-Arundel county for the year 1786, and to complete the business of the said Benjamin Howard as sheriff of Anne-Arundel county and collector of the county charges for said county during his continuance in office. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order, J. O'BRYON, 3d. 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 sundry petitions of insolvent debtors, report, that they have examined the petitions and vouchers of Thomas Peter, of Baltimore county, and find that he has given personal notice to his creditors, or those he states to be his creditors, which appears by annexed affidavits, but he has not given the usual notice in the public papers; that they have examined the petitions and publications of Benedict Woodward, of Frederick county, George Stevens, of Montgomery county, Josiah Hitchcock, of Harford county, and find their publications regular; that Ridon Rozman, of Somerset county, John M'Grann, of Caroline county, and John Sleeth, of Washington county, have not given any public notice of their intentions of petitioning for acts of insolvency, but that the two last have been a considerable time in gaol, and first under execution; that they have examined the petitions and counter petitions of Basil Burgess, of Anne-Arundel county, Jeremiah Baker, of Cæcil county, Augustine Boyer, of Kent county, and John Jacob Schly, of Frederick county, and do say, that from a want of a full state of their cases, and the evidence to support said allegations, they are unable to determine upon their merits; they are of opinion that a law should pass in their favour, and that provision be made in said law, that any creditor alleging fraud, or secreting property to the injury of the creditors, should have an issue made up, and the same tried by a jury in the general or county court, and should the petitioner be convicted of the same, that he forfeits the benefit of said law, but if he be acquitted, that he then receive the benefit of said law. Your committee do further recommend that a law immediately pass for relief of those unfortunate debtors who are in confinement or under execution, and to whose relief there is no objection. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order, N. PINKNEY, clk.

On the second reading of the several reports of the committee on the petitions of sundry insolvent debtors, RESOLVED, That that part of the report of the said committee on insolvent debtors, which relates to persons not actually confined in gaol, be postponed.

The said report being read throughout, the question was put, That the house concur with such part thereof as relates to debtors in confinement? Resolved in the affirmative, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Crabb, Mr. Craik and Mr. Duvall, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Kerr, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :
 THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Dr. Ennalls Martin, of Talbot county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order, N. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Craik, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :
 THE committee to whom was referred the representation from the court and grand jury of Charles county, having considered the objects of the same, are of opinion that the present situation of the court-house and record-office of the said county are so much out of repair, that the safety, convenience and interest, of the inhabitants thereof, require that a sum of money should be levied and assessed for the purposes of repairing the said court-house and building a record-office, and that a law should pass to that effect. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order, N. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.