

The clerk of the senate delivers a petition from Patrick Macguife, of Baltimore county, praying that he may be permitted to plant a white thorn hedge round the government garden, endorsed; "By the senate, November 22, 1792: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates."

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

Which was read, and referred to Mr. Quynn, Mr. J. Worthington and Mr. Oneale, to consider and report thereon.

And a report from the commissioners appointed under the act of assembly respecting the claims of the Messieurs Vanstaphorst against the state of Maryland, endorsed; "By the senate, November 20, 1792: Read and sent to the house of delegates."

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

Which was read, and referred to Mr. Duvall, Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of a number of the inhabitants of Frederick county, praying that an act might pass to re-establish the proceedings of Frederick county court under the law, entitled, An act to streighten and amend the several public roads in several counties, and for other purposes therein mentioned, so far as relates to the road from Charlton's gap through Libertytown to Pnilemon Barnes's, and to whom was also referred the remonstrance of sundry inhabitants of said county, counter thereto, beg leave to report, that they have taken the aforesaid petition and remonstrance into consideration, and are of opinion that the interpolation of the legislature would be improper, and that the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

C. WAYMAN, clk.

Which was read.

Petitions from Jacob Willis, of Kent county, and John Carman, of Queen-Anne's county, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard Waters, of Dorchester county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find that the petitioner purchased of the intendant a lot of land, being part of the Indian Lands on Nanticoke river, in Dorchester county, and that a particular agreement was entered into between the said petitioner and the intendant, respecting a claim made by the heirs of colonel Ryder to a part of the lot so purchased, which accompanies this report. The committee further find, that the claim of the heirs of colonel Ryder has not yet been determined on, nor hath any suit been commenced against the claimants, who had a part of the said lot, in order to obtain a decision; that suit hath been commenced against the petitioner, judgment obtained, and execution issued, for the amount of the whole lot, contrary to the spirit of the agreement aforesaid, under which, the committee are of opinion, no suit ought to have been commenced before a decision on the claim took place. The committee are of opinion, that the attorney-general be directed to institute an action of trespass and ejectment, at the expense of the state, in the general court of the eastern shore, against the tenant or tenants in possession of any part of the said lot, to recover the possession thereof; and that, until there shall be a decision thereon, and a valuation shall take place according to said agreement, all proceedings against the said Richard Waters shall cease, and all legal costs that have been incurred already by said suits, shall be paid by the state.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. WILMER, clk.

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

Mr. McMechen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act supplementary to an act, entitled, An act for the more effectual paving the streets of Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Gibson appeared in the house.

Whereas it appears to this general assembly, that in the year 1785 Richard Waters purchased a lot of the Indian lands on Nanticoke river, of the then intendant, which lot was supposed to contain 395 acres; that at the time of the said sale, a claim being made to a part of the said lot by the heirs of the late colonel Ryder, it was stipulated between the intendant and the aforesaid Richard Waters, that in case the said claim should be established, a valuation should be made by indifferent persons of the part of the lot taken away by said claim, and a deduction made from the amount accordingly; that no step has been taken on the part of the state to obtain a decision of the said claim, and judgment has been recovered, and execution issued, against the aforesaid Richard Waters for the whole amount of the said lot, without regard to the agreement aforesaid, or the possession of the claimants of a part of the said lot; **RESOLVED**, That the attorney-general be directed to institute an action of trespass and ejectment in the general court of the eastern shore, to recover the possession of the property sold; and that until a decision of the same shall take place, all process against the said Richard Waters be countermanded and discontinued, and that all costs incurred by the said Richard Waters, by reason of said suit, be paid by the state.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.