

Which was read, and referred to Mr. J. Worthington, Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Sappington, to consider and report thereon.

And a bill, entitled, A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act respecting the equity jurisdiction of the county courts, endorsed; "By the senate, November 20, 1792: Read the first time and ordered "to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, November 22, 1792: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. M'Mechen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of George William West, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the allegations therein are truly stated, and are of opinion the prayer of the said petition ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

C. WAYMAN, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a further supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the better administration of justice in the several counties of this state. ORDERED, That Mr. M'Pherson, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Duvall, Mr. Harwood and Mr. Sprigg, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Barton Smoot, of St. Mary's county, have taken the same into consideration, and report, that in the month of September, 1781, Elizabeth Jenifer purchased of the commissioners of confiscated estates, a lot of land, called Paw-paw Fields, containing 208 acres, which is part of Snow-Hill Manor, in said county, at fifteen shillings per acre, and gave bond, with security, for the same; that in the spring of the year following, the said Elizabeth Jenifer intermarried with the petitioner; that at the time of her said intermarriage she had issue a daughter, who died in the course of the present year, leaving issue a son, whom she had by Pollard Hopewell, her husband; that the said Elizabeth, the purchaser, died about twelve months ago, and left two children by the petitioner; that no payment was made to the state, until about eighteen months after their intermarriage, when a payment was made by the petitioner, and since that time the whole debt has been satisfied by him; that in February, 1789, the petitioner agreed to exchange the said lot of land with Thomas Smoot, for a tract on which he now lives, and the contract was immediately executed by an exchange of possession, and the land given in exchange was conveyed by deed to the petitioner, who passed his bond to Thomas Smoot for the conveyance of the lot called Pawpaw Fields; that on the 7th of March, of the present year, a patent issued, by mistake, to Elizabeth Smoot, about four months after her death. The petitioner has produced sundry depositions, and laid them before the committee, which fully satisfy them that the exchange was made at the pressing instance and request, and with the approbation, of the said Elizabeth his wife.

The committee are of opinion that the petitioner ought to be relieved; they therefore recommend the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the patent issued to Elizabeth Smoot, for Pawpaw Fields, part of Snow-Hill Manor, be returned into the land-office and cancelled, and that the register of the land-office of the western shore be and he is hereby empowered and required to issue a patent therefor to William Barton Smoot, of St. Mary's county, he paying the usual fees of office.

By order,

J. WILMER, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Edward Lloyd Wailes, of Prince-George's county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion the prayer thereof ought not to be granted.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

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

Mr. Ewing, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act to empower the justices of Cæcil county to streighten and amend the public roads in said county, and levy the expence attending the same on the assessable property of said county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from William Amos, of Harford county, praying payment of a debt due from confiscated property, was preferred, and read.

On motion, the question was put, That the resolution of November session, 1788, limiting the time for preferring petitions to the legislature to ten days after the commencement of the session, be dispensed with? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale, appeared as follow:

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

Tilghman,	Hawkins,	Eccleston,	Quynn,	Beatty,	M'Mechen,
Harwood,	Cockey,	Hellingworth,	O'Bryon,	Sappington,	Ott,
Brogden,	Ridgely,	Oldham,	Barnes,	Jarrett,	Seearing n,
Freeland,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Forman,	Hutchings,	Prall,	Cromwell,
Brooke,	Gough,	Bowie,	Townsend,	Amos,	Jacques,
Grahame,	Cox,	Sprigg,	Purnell,	Hughlett,	Bayard,
Charman,	Jones,	Contee,	Corbin,	Douglass,	Johnson.
M'Pherson,					43.