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the same respects the cordage of wood; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to repeal part of an act, entitled, An additional supplementary act to the act, entitled, An act to establish orphans courts in the several counties of this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Duvall, Mr. Quynn and Mr. Grahame, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. M'Mechen be added to the committee on the petition of Benjamin Cawood.

A petition from sundry persons, creditors of Josiah Riley, counter to his petition; was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on the petition to which it is counter.

A petition from Samuel Ewing, of the state of Virginia, late a paymaster in the second Maryland regiment, praying the depreciation of pay, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Eccleston, Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Grahame and Mr. Chapman, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, ORDERED, That the clerk of the house procure one copy of Bacon's laws, for the use of the house, and that the same be put on the journal of accounts.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to restrain the ill practices of sheriffs, and to direct their conduct respecting runaways. ORDERED, That Mr. Crabb, Mr. Goldborough and Mr. Chapman, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from John Eccleston, of Dorchester county, praying an inquiry into the right of the state in certain confiscated property sold by the state, and claimed by colonel Ryder's heirs, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Goldborough, Mr. Duvall, Mr. Dashiell and Mr. Chapman, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Hiefter, of Pennsylvania, report, that they have examined the same, and find the allegations therein are truly stated, they are therefore of opinion that a law ought to pass in his favour. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill, entitled, An act for securing certain estates and property for the support and uses of ministers of the Roman catholic religion, endorsed; "By the senate, November 29, 1792: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, December 3, 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.

ORDERED, That the same have a second reading on Friday next.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Jeremiah Banning, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion a law should pass conformable to the prayer thereof. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order;

C. WAYMAN, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Chapman, Mr. Cox and Mr. Sherwood, 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 Samuel Morton, of St. Mary's county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find, from sufficient vouchers offered by the petitioner to the committee, that he has paid assessment on the same property in St. Mary's and Charles counties for the years 1785, 86, 87, 88 and 89, to the amount of £. 7 13 8 more, than he was properly chargeable with; your committee therefore recommend the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay unto Samuel Morton, of St. Mary's county, the sum of seven pounds thirteen shillings and eight-pence current money, being so much overpaid by him for public assessments for the years 1785, 86, 87, 88 and 89.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. WILMER, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Ewing, of the county of Russell, in Virginia, report, that they have considered the facts therein stated, and believe them true; but your committee beg leave to remark to the house, that by an act of the assembly of this state, passed in the year 1783, the petitioner is barred from receiving his depreciation of pay, in consequence of not having served fully two years. Your committee beg leave further to report to your honours, that there are many other officers in the same situation with the petitioner, whose depreciation of pay would amount to ten thousand pounds, and interest thereon from the year 1780. Your committee would not wish to make a partial allowance to any one officer in preference to another, and would therefore