

to Montgomery court-house, report, that they have considered the same, and are of opinion the prayer thereof ought to be granted. 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. Threlkeld, Mr. Crabb and Mr. Sappington, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Dorchester county, and the counter petition of William Akers, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Contee and Mr. Goldborough, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The following message being prepared, was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate, with the resolution in favour of captain Richard Waters, by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 4, 1792.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE are sorry to find, by your message of the 28th November last, that your honours have not concurred with the resolution which passed this house in favour of captain Richard Waters. As it appeared to us that captain Waters purchased the property under an express agreement, that persons should be appointed by the state and himself to ascertain the quantity of land for which he ought to pay, and as the state has neglected to make such appointment, we do not see the justice of making captain Waters pay the expence of the suit at law, which ought not, in our opinion, to have been brought until the state had complied with its engagement in ascertaining the quantity of land for which he ought to have paid, and the sum; nor do we think it reasonable that he should be compelled to lose the expences of the proceedings in chancery, which were rendered necessary on account of the judgment against him, which ought not to have been obtained under the particular circumstances of his case. We beg leave, therefore, to solicit the attention of your honours once more to this subject, and flatter ourselves, that on more mature deliberation, your honours will concur with us in the resolution, which has met the approbation of this house, or that you will, at least, think it reasonable and just that the costs of the suits before mentioned should not be borne by captain Waters.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Elijah Johnson, of Somerset county, beg leave to report, that they have considered the same, and find it truly stated. Your committee find, that the chancellor, on the 15th day of June, 1792, decreed, that the bond of the said Elijah Johnson, with William Dashiell and William M'Bryde, his securities, for the sum of one hundred and forty pounds eight shillings and nine-pence current money, should be delivered and given up to the complainant, the present petitioner, to be cancelled, which the treasurer of the western shore refused to do without the directions of the legislature; your committee therefore submit the following resolution to the house:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to deliver up to the said Elijah Johnson, or his order, the said bond entered into by the said Elijah Johnson, William Dashiell and William M'Bryde, to be cancelled.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

C. WAYMAN, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

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

THE committee to whom were referred the petitions of sundry insolvent debtors, report, that they have examined the petitions and certificates of James Glanville, Gideon Clark, of Kent county; William Leigh, of Charles county; George Robertson, Stephen Christopher, of Somerset county; John Waggaman Footman, William Keene, junior, Edward Smith, of Dorchester county; Elijah Christopher, of Worcester county; Moses Patter-son, of Cecil county; John Burgess, Joshua Dorsey, of Henry, of Anne-Arundel county; John Weems Lewis, George Swingle, senior, Francis Curtis, Charles Franklin, James Burn, Daniel Carroll, Windel Kellar, of Baltimore county; Zachariah Owens, of Prince-George's county; John Woodburn, Thomas Rigby Smith, Charles Taylor, senior, James Preston, William Prigg, of Harford county; Joseph Hallet, John Carnon, James Errickson, of Queen-Anne's county; John Dorsey, of John, Joseph Wood, Benjamin Musgrove, Thomas Schley, Samuel Cleland, of Frederick county; William Stephen Compton, of Washington county; Barton Baker, Edward Wheeler, Edmund Wayman, of Montgomery county; and find, that they have given notice of their intention to apply to the legislature for relief; your committee, therefore, are of opinion, that a law ought to pass, releasing them from all their debts, contracts and agreements, heretofore contracted or made, upon their delivering all their property for the use of their respective creditors. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDBER, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Duvall, Mr. Sprigg and Mr. Dorsey, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Francis Hall, junior, of Queen-Anne's county, praying an act changing his name to Francis Hall Rozer, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Grahame and Mr. Ridgely, to consider and report thereon.

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

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