

A petition from Mary Coppin, of Cecil county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Wilmer, Mr. Dashiell and Mr. J. Worthington, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel and Prince-George's counties, praying a repeal of the law prohibiting the making weirs and hedges across the river Patuxent, was preferred and read, and referred, with the counter petition thereto, until the next session of assembly.

A petition from Benjamin Beckworth, of Washington county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Jarrett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report on the petition of Benjamin Preston; which was read.

On motion, RESOLVED, That all reports and bills now on the table, of a private nature, shall be finally acted upon before any new business shall be received.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of John Hoskin Stone, report, that they have considered the same, and believe the facts therein stated are true, and do therefore recommend the following resolution:

Whereas it appears to this general assembly, that John Hoskin Stone paid to the late state agent, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Esquire, the sum of six hundred pounds principal in continental certificates, commonly called Final Settlement Certificates, for twelve tons of pig-iron, purchased of the said agent by the said John Hoskin Stone, and which the said John Hoskin Stone never did receive, and which were supposed to have been shipped by a certain James Jaffray, of Baltimore-town, on account of the said John Hoskin Stone; and that the said John Hoskin Stone did prosecute a suit at law against the said James Jaffray, to recover the said twelve tons of pig-iron, supposed to be by him shipped, and which were charged on the books of the said agent to the said John Hoskin Stone, and that the said suit was not determined until May term, 1791, by which the said John Hoskin Stone did not recover the said twelve tons of pig-iron, as will appear by the records of the general court: And whereas this state has a claim against the said John Hoskin Stone, for property by him purchased of this state, which is now payable in the said kind of certificates which were by him paid to the said agent for the said iron: And whereas it appearing to this general assembly to be just, right and proper, that the amount of the certificates, so paid by him, should be discounted out of the debt claimed by the public; therefore, RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore credit the said John Hoskin Stone, on his bond to this state, the amount of the said certificates, as a payment thereof at the time when the said certificates were paid to the said agent by the said John Hoskin Stone for the said twelve tons of pig-iron.

By order,

C. WAYMAN, clk.

The report on the petition of Benjamin Preston, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

Mr. Sappington brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to open a road from Shoal's mill (now the property of John Hood) to intersect the main or turnpike road leading from Baltimore-town through Liberty-town, at or below the branch of Benjamin Bennett's; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill for the collection of the county charges in Allegany county, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The report on the petition of Abraham George Hammond, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house assent to the resolution therein contained? Determined in the negative.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Joshua Askew, praying that an act might pass to open a road, at his own expence, from the main road near David Cumming's new buildings to his grist and fulling mills, on the main falls of Patapsco, and from said mills to intersect the afore-said main road about two miles westward of Ellicott's upper mills, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. WILMER, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Resolved in the affirmative, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Charles Neill, formerly of Queen-Anne's county, report, that they have examined the facts set forth, and believe them to be true, and they are of opinion that the prayer of the said petition ought to be granted.

By order,

J. WILMER, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Margaret Myers, report, that they have examined and find the facts therein stated to be true, they are therefore of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted, and submit the following resolution:

Whereas Thomas Yates, of Baltimore county, on the tenth of November, 1781, and fourth of February, 1782, at the sale of the confiscated estate of the Nottingham company, became the purchaser of four negro men, two negro women and ten negro children, at the price of £. 3026, and bonded for the same, with Charles Myers and Jacob Myers, on the 15th of July, 1785, and the said