

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the trustees of the quaker meeting-house, in Baltimore-town, report, that they have examined the allegations therein contained, and find, that public notice of such intentions of petitioning has been duly given, and find the facts truly stated, and are of opinion that a law ought to pass agreeably to the prayer of said petition. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Edward Downes, of Queen-Anne's county, report, that the facts therein stated are true, and the committee being of opinion that the prayer of said petition ought to be granted, they recommend the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the trustees of the poor of Queen-Anne's county be and they are hereby authorized to pay the claim of Edward Downes, as register of Queen-Anne's county school; out of any monies in their hands appropriated to the support of the poor of said county.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read the first and second time; and the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate, with the supplement to the act to establish a market in Elizabeth-town, in Washington county, and for the regulation of the same, by the clerk.

Mr. M'Mechen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Rebecca Dulany; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Simkins, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to lay off and open two roads in Allegany county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Charles Maccubbin, of the city of Annapolis, report, that they have inquired into the facts stated therein, and find that the said Charles Maccubbin was, on or about the twelfth day of May last, joined in lawful matrimony to Miss Sarah Allen, of the said city; that he possesses a considerable real and personal estate, principally devised to him by the will of his father; and that from the time of his nativity he has never possessed the senses of hearing or speaking; that he nevertheless has capacity and understanding to conduct his private affairs; and the committee are of opinion that he ought not, on account of the misfortune under which he labours, to be deprived of the rights and privileges which other citizens enjoy, and that the prayer of the petition of the said Charles Maccubbin ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. W. KING, 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. Quynn, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, the question was put, That the committee appointed to bring in a bill to regulate the militia of this state, be discharged? Determined in the negative.

On motion; ORDERED, That Mr. Crabb be added to the committee appointed to bring in a bill to regulate the militia of this state.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house a letter from Thomas Hyde, one of the trustees for building a new church in the city of Annapolis, of the 14th instant, with an account of expenditures; which was read and referred to Mr. Kerr, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Bayly, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Oneale, Mr. S. Wilmer and Mr. Duvall, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Sterett, as agent and in behalf of Messieurs Willinks, Vansaphorfts and Hubbard, of the city of Amsterdam, report, that they have considered the same; and being persuaded that it would be at present unwise and impolitic to suffer foreigners to acquire and possess real property in this state, in the manner and upon the terms prayed for, are of opinion that the prayer of the said petitioner cannot be granted. All which is submitted to this honourable house.

By order,

C. WAYMAN, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Duncan Shipley, of Baltimore county, have taken the same into their consideration; and submit the following detail of facts to the honourable house, viz. That on the first day of January, 1746, Benjamin Tasker, Esquire, then agent of the lord proprietary, did, by lease, demise to Benjamin Chew, of Cæcil county, 360 acres of land, part of Susquehanna or Connaught manor, in said county, at the yearly-rent of thirty-six shillings sterling, for and during the lives of Benjamin Chew, Elizabeth Chew, and Phineas Chew, with a covenant therein contained, granting liberty to the heir or heirs of the said Benjamin Chew, the lessee, to renew the said lease for ever, on the payment of the like yearly rent, and the like sum on every renewal, for and during the life or lives of the said heir or heirs, under such covenants as are contained in the lease aforesaid. That on the death of Benjamin Chew, the lessee, which happened about thirty years ago, his son Benjamin possessed the demised premises until his death, which happened upwards of twenty years ago, and his widow intermarried with Edward Daugherty, who re-

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