

opinion that the prayer thereof is reasonable and ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

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

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Brooke Beall, clerk of Montgomery county, report, that they have examined the facts alleged in said petition, and find that the said Brooke Beall is indebted to the state of Maryland the sum of £. 103 10 0, for taxes paid to him for ordinary licences before the first day of November, 1785. This committee are of opinion, that the tax on ordinary licences in Montgomery county, ought to have been collected, accounted for and paid, by the said clerk, to the treasurer of the western shore, under and in pursuance of the express words of the act of June session, 1780, chap. 8, sec. 11. This committee find, that the said Brooke Beall, in pursuance of the act of March, 1780, chap. 24, acted under the impression that he was not liable to pay the said tax to the treasurer, and actually paid the same, under the provisions of that law, over to the then sheriff of Montgomery county, and so made return thereof to the treasurer of the western shore in the year 1787; that at the time of said payment John H. Nicholls, sheriff of Montgomery county, to whom the said money had been so paid, was in solvent circumstances, but hath since become insolvent, and this committee believes that no demand of the said sum was made of Brooke Beall until after the insolvency of the sheriff, to whom the said money was so by mistake paid. This committee find, that suits are depending against the said Brooke Beall and his security, to compel the payment of said sum, and that by law 15 per cent. may be enforced and recovered from said Beall on the aforesaid sum. This committee are of opinion, that this house cannot confidently grant the relief prayed for, but submit the propriety of striking off all interest due on said debt, from the special and peculiar circumstances of the case, and indulging the said Beall and his security until the first day of November next for the payment of the principal sum due, and costs incurred by the state, and therefore submit the following resolution, to wit:

RESOLVED, That the interest on £. 103 10 0. due from Brooke Beall, clerk of Montgomery county, and Edward Burges's his security, to the state of Maryland, be remitted, and the said Brooke Beall, and Edward Burges's his security, be allowed until the first day of November next to pay the said principal sum, on their confessing judgment therefor in the suits now depending, and paying costs thereon.

All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to enable William Kilty to sell the personal estate of the children of John Rogers, deceased, his wards, endorsed; "By the senate, November 19, 1794: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 12, 1794: Read the second time and will not pass.

"By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk."

The bill for weighing of hay and cording of wood in Elkton, Cecil county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 11, 1794: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 13, 1794: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendment.

"By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk."

Amendment proposed. Third page and fourth line, from the word "that" strike out to the end of the clause, and insert "no person shall purchase within the said town any hay brought by land or water until the same shall have been previously weighed by the weigher aforesaid, under the penalty of twenty shillings, to be paid to the said commissioners for the use of the said town, and may be recovered as small debts are by law recoverable."

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

And a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the children of the late John Rogers and Margaret Lee Rogers, deceased, endorsed; "By the senate, December 12, 1794: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 13, 1794: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk."

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

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Frederick, and its additions, report, that they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion a law ought to pass agreeably to the prayer of the petition. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

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

A petition from Hannah Sater, of Baltimore county, praying she may be authorized to raise a sum of money by lottery to rebuild a mill-house, which was burnt, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely,