

1781, lot No. 42, in Calverton manor, in Charles county, containing 263 acres of land, for £. 303 14 4, towards which he paid into the treasury £. 213 15 4, on account of principal and interest; suits had been instituted against him for the recovery of the balance, and was found unable to pay any thing further towards his purchase; therefore the agent, with the approbation of the governor and council, granted the petition of the said Robert Gladden to be released from his purchase, on giving up the land to the state of Maryland, and the money he had paid as a compensation for the use of it.

Wm. M ARBURY, Agent.

November 13th, 1798.

Which was read.

ORDERED, That Mr. Key, Mr. Hall, Mr. Duckett, Mr. M^cPherson, Mr. A. Buchanan, Mr. Steuart and Mr. Hollingworth, be a committee to consider and report thereon.

ORDERED, That the printer to the state strike one hundred copies of the said report for the use of the general assembly.

Mr. Jones, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, praying that a law may pass, authorising the establishment of a new public road, to lead from the main road near Samuel Green's fence until it intersects the main road leading from Little creek towards the mouth of Rewastico near the plantation of John Killum, is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That the committee appointed on the said petition prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Jones, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, praying that a law may pass to relieve from the hardship they conceive themselves to labour under in consequence of having to keep up the causeway commonly called Vienna Causeway, is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That the committee appointed on the said petition prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, ORDERED, That the printer to the state strike one hundred copies of the report of the trustee of the state for the use of the general assembly.

Mr. Brown, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county report, that in their opinion the practice of firing woods, as complained of by the petitioners, is extremely detrimental to the growth of timber and improvement of the country, and ought to be prevented by law; as to the other subjects contained in said petition, they are of opinion that it will be proper to refer them to the consideration of the next general assembly.

By order,

R. K. WATTS, clk.

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

Mr. C. Frazier, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Clayton, John King Downes and Edward Wright, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find, from a statement of the treasurer of the eastern shore, that the sheriff of Queen-Anne's county stood charged on the books of the treasury with the sum of two hundred and seven pounds one shilling and two-pence current money, as the amount of college funds due from him in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-three; that this sum, with an interest of six per cent. has been paid by the petitioners, who were securities of the said sheriff, to the treasurer of the eastern shore, but that the sum of thirty pounds eleven shillings and four-pence yet remains as a balance due from the said sheriff, arising from a calculation of interest at the rate of fifteen per cent. The object of the petitioners appears to be the relinquishment of nine per cent. which your committee think reasonable, particularly as the case is attended with circumstances of peculiar hardship, the sheriff himself being dead, and his estate entirely insolvent. Your committee therefore submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the eastern shore be and he is hereby directed to release to William Clayton, John King Downes and Edward Wright, the sum of thirty pounds eleven shillings and four-pence, which now stands charged against them as securities of Thomas O'Bryon, a former sheriff of Queen-Anne's county, the same arising from a calculation of fifteen per cent. instead of six per cent. interest on the sum due for college funds from the said Thomas O'Bryon in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-three.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from William Bankhead, of Harford county, praying the levy court of said county may be authorized to levy a sum of money on said county for the support of his brother Robert, who is incapable of getting a livelihood, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. M^cComas, Mr. Dallam and Mr. Jarrett, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. William Corbin, a delegate returned for Worcester county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house.

A petition from the heirs of Richard Beall, of Samuel, deceased, praying a confirmation of the partition of certain tracts of land devised to them by their father, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Carroll and Mr. R. Magruder, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Carroll,