

and an." In the 5th line of the 14th page, after the word "dollars" insert the words "to be recovered by presentment and indictment in the county court of Dorchester." Strike out the twelfth section in the 15th page. At the end of the bill add, "And be it enacted, That in case no contract shall be made between the said commissioners and the said Indians under and by virtue of this act before the first day of August next, that in such case the agent for the time being be authorized, at his discretion, to prosecute a suit or suits at law or equity, as the case may require, to recover the possession of said land, or of any part thereof, to which the state may be entitled."

Which were read.

The order of the day is postponed until Wednesday next.

The house adjourns till Wednesday morning 9 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, December 26, 1798.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Monday. The proceedings of Monday were read.

A petition from James Lytle, of Harford county, praying the treasurer may be directed to repay to him the sum of £.54, with interest, for deficiency of land purchased of the state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Wallace, Mr. M'Comas and Mr. Cellar, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Richard Key Heath, praying he may be authorized to remove his slaves from the state of Delaware into this state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Barroll and Mr. Hollingsworth, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Tilghman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the trustees of George-town school, in Kent county, report, that they are of opinion that the object contemplated by them is truly stated to be highly important to society, and that a law ought therefore to pass to incorporate them agreeable to the prayer of said petition.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Barroll, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to enable the justices of Kent county court to cause to be transcribed the records and papers therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. A. Buchanan, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower the levy court of Baltimore county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Jarrett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to lay out a new road in Harford county; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill to regulate elections, have a second reading on Friday next.

ORDERED, That the supplement to the act, entitled, An act to aid conveyances of land improperly enrolled, and for other purposes, be committed for amendment.

Mr. Leigh, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the representation of Joseph Harris, clerk of Saint-Mary's county, setting forth, that the records and papers in said office are in a ruinous situation, and leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that a law ought to pass, authorizing the said Joseph Harris to record the same.

By order,

S. MAYNARD, 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. Montgomery, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of Robert Amofs, collector of the public tax in Harford county for the years seventeen hundred and eighty-three and seventeen hundred and eighty-five, report, they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion the prayer thereof ought to be granted.

The committee find, that the said Robert Amofs paid to the state of Maryland the whole of the tax intrusted to him for collection, without obtaining a credit for insolvencies and erroneous payments, which the committee state, for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-three amounted to the sum of one hundred and nine pounds eighteen shillings and eight-pence farthing, and for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-five to one hundred and ninety-six pounds four shillings nine-pence halfpenny, making an aggregate of three hundred and six pounds three shillings five-pence three farthings.

The committee further find, that by the extraordinary exertions of the memorialist, he has collected, from the persons considered insolvents by the commissioners of the tax, the sum of seventy-six pounds nine shillings and six-pence three farthings, leaving a balance of two hundred and twenty-nine pounds thirteen shillings and eleven-pence, which, in the opinion of the committee, ought to be paid, with interest from the final settlement made by the memorialist.