

there is due to the examiner the sum of one hundred and six pounds one shilling to complete his salary for the present year.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report :

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Drinker report, that they have carefully examined into the allegations therein contained, and find, that the land was mortgaged as is therein expressed, and that from that circumstance, and the possession of Jesse Reynolds, there is reason to believe that he had held it under some title from the commonwealth of Pennsylvania. They find that the intendant did sell the said land in the manner and for the price which the petition states, and that it was purchased by the said Jesse Reynolds. They find that the certificate was returned and caveated at the time expressed in the petition by James and Joseph Barnes, and that a decree has passed for a sale of the lands, but which they apprehend must be subject to the claim of the state. The committee are of opinion, from the face of the transaction, and from the preamble of the act passed at November session, seventeen hundred and seventy-eight, that the said land was not liable to confiscation or sale, and on that ground, and from the manner in which the delay is accounted for, they conceive that Jesse Reynolds, the purchaser, and whoever is interested under him, ought to have the same privileges that were originally extended to the holders of such lands; they therefore recommend the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the chancellor be empowered and requested to inquire into the circumstances respecting a sale of lands in Cecil county made by Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, while intendant of the revenue, to Jesse Reynolds, the certificate of which was returned to the land-office on the fourteenth of April, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, and which land was decreed to be sold on a bill filed in the chancery court by Henry Drinker, executor of Robert Montgomery; and if the chancellor shall be of opinion that the said Jesse Reynolds, at the time of the said sale, held the said land under an equitable title from the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, so as to come within the description of those lands mentioned in the acts of November, 1788, ch. 40, and 1789, ch. 14, he may and shall direct that the said land be paid for at the rate of £. 15 per hundred acres, with the fees and costs, as mentioned in the first mentioned act, and on the payment of such sum to the state, with interest, in the manner in which he may prescribe, from the proceeds of the sale, he shall direct the treasurer of the western shore to deliver up the bond given by the said Jesse Reynolds on the purchase of the said land, and shall, on the payment of the whole purchase money, after the ratification of the sale, issue a patent to the person entitled to the said land.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

A remonstrance from Frederick Green, of the city of Annapolis, counter to the memorial of Alexander Martin, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on the memorial to which it is counter.

Mr. Bowie, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Benjamin Ward, of Prince-George's county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the senate delivers a letter from the governor and council of this day, giving a brief statement of their official acts since the adjournment of the last legislature, endorsed; "By the senate, November 7, 1801: "Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk."

Which was read.

ORDERED, That Mr. M'Pherson, Mr. Mackall, Mr. Cresap, Mr. Carcaud, Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Quinton, Mr. Lowrey and Mr. Holbrook, be a committee to consider and report thereon.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

## M O N D A Y, November 9, 1801.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. A petition from Charles Baltzell, of Frederick county, praying the register of the land-office may be authorized to correct an error in a patent granted in the name of Jacob Baltzell, when it ought to have been granted to the petitioner, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Houston, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Ridgely, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to an act, entitled, An act to appoint commissioners to sell and dispose of certain lands belonging to Stepney parish, in Somerset county, and to apply the money arising from the sales thereof. ORDERED, That Mr. Lowes, Mr. Holbrook and Mr. Handy, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Charles Baltzell, of Frederick county, beg leave to report to the honourable house, that they have examined into the facts and allegations contained in the said petition, and find them to be true; they therefore respectfully propose that a resolve should pass, authorizing and directing