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may judge superfluous, might be more usefully applied to the advantage of the state, than any services they are likely to render, are therefore of opinion, that it would conduce more to the real benefit of the state, to vest the governor and council with powers to dispose of the same, than to continue an unnecessary and burthensome expence to the public, without any probable expectation of an adequate return of services.

All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

Signed per order of the committee,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The petition of Thomas Harrison, of Baltimore-town, was read a second time, granted, and leave given to the petitioner to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

A bill, entitled, An act to empower Basil Burgess, of Anne-Arundel county, to sell the lands therein mentioned, was read a first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. H. Ridgely and Mr. Hammond.

Charles Cartoll of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition of several nonjurors in Baltimore county, which was read and granted.

ORDERED, That Mr. John Bullen's account be referred to Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Craufurd, Mr. Gresham, Mr. Beatty, and Mr. Stricker, to report thereon.

The committee appointed to enquire into the state of the galleys, &c. laid before the house a paper delivered them in writing by Dr. John Johnson, containing several charges of misconduct in captain William Campbell, whilst in the service and pay of this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Bruff, Mr. Chase, Mr. Archer, Mr. Bayly, Mr. Keene, and Mr. Cramphin, be a committee to enquire into the several charges contained in the said paper, and report thereon to the house.

The report brought in by Mr. Gresham the 3d instant, respecting manufactories, and the report by Mr. B. Hall, the 2d instant, respecting the auditor's office, were severally read the second time, and, on motion, leave given to bring in a bill to appoint commissioners for the purpose of enquiring into the expenditure and application of all public money, and for other purposes therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. J. Henry, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Bruff, Mr. W. Stevenson, Mr. Lethbrury, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Fitzhugh, do prepare and bring in the same.

The report by Mr. Eccleston of the 26th of November, from the committee of claims, was read the second time and concurred with.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act relating to deceased persons estates, thus endorsed; "By the senate, November 25, 1779: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk. sen.

"By the senate, December 16, 1779: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

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H. RIDGELY, cl, sen."

Amendments proposed. Strike out the first enacting clause. Strike out the word "and" in the beginning of the second clause. After the word "enacted," in the same line, insert the words "by the General Assembly of Maryland." Strike out the third enacting clause.

Strike out from the word "state," in the 20th line of the first page, to the word "in," in the 22d line of the said page. After the word "estate," in the 23d line of the first page, insert the words "of deceased persons." In the 23d line of the same page, strike out the word "they." In the 24th line of said page, after the word "whole," insert the words "personal estate." In the 29th line of the same page, after the word "sale," insert the words "of the whole or a part of such personal estate." After the word "or," in the same line, insert the particle "a." After the word money, in the 8th line of the second page, strike out the words "and any part thereof sold," and insert the words, "or where any estate was appraised before that time, and distribution thereof has not yet been made, and in all estates hereafter to be appraised as aforesaid, if any part of such estates have been or shall be sold." Strike out in the 14th line of the 2d page from the word "inestate," to the word "and," in the 14th line. Strike out from the word "and," in the 18th line of same page, to the end of the sentence. Strike out the word "minority," in the 3d line of the third page, strike out the words "and the same hath," in the same line of the said page, and insert, "either by charging lands with the payment of an annuity or annuities for the purposes aforesaid, or by appropriating the annual interest of monies lent on mortgage, bonds, or promissory notes, and the same provision or annuity."

After the word "allowance," in the 8th line of the third page, strike out to the end of the clause, and insert the following, "as to the chancellor, shall appear just and reasonable, out of the issues, rents, and profits of the landed estate of the deceased, where such provision as aforesaid hath been made and charged on the land, and where the annuities arise out of the annual interest, appropriated as aforesaid or monies lent as aforesaid, by compelling the borrowers of such monies, where the principal hath not been paid, to pay an interest proportionate to the increased prices of the necessaries of life, and where the principal hath been paid, to

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