

have made the two payments in final settlement certificates at the times limited thereby, until the said first day of September next.

Mr. Chapman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petitions of Charles Makin, of Charles county, John Stevens, of Dorchester county, and Samuel Groome Osborn, of Harford county, late collectors of the tax for their respective counties, beg leave to report, that after duly considering the said petitions they are of opinion, that the facts therein stated are true, and that the difficulties they labour under are of a very singular and serious nature. They therefore think the petitioners should be relieved, by having a longer time given them to complete their payments. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Ridgely, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Adam Fonerden, of Baltimore-town, beg leave to report, that they have examined the allegations therein contained, and are of opinion, that the piece of mechanism called "a card-teeth cutter," is ingenious and curious, and of great advantage to facilitate the making of cards, and increasing the woollen and cotton manufactory in this state.

Your committee recommend, that if Mr. Fonerden is the original inventor of the said machine, that he ought to have an exclusive right to make and vend the said machines for a limited number of years. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. R. Miller, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of David Jones and Elizabeth his wife; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, May 23, 1788.

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

The report on the petition of Richard Sanbury was read the second time and concurred with.

Mr. Carroll, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MAY 23, 1788.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE shall most readily join with you in forming any arrangements which may bring the present session of assembly to a conclusion by Saturday next; but we apprehend the necessary business cannot be entirely completed by that day.

No industry shall be wanting on our part, and we flatter ourselves if it cannot be done so early as your honours expect, it may be effected in a very short time after.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and sent to the senate by Mr. Potts.

Mr. F. Bowie, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas Blacklock, Francis Clement Dyer, Thomas Lyles, Robert Bowie, James Wilson and Zachariah Owens, beg leave to report, that they have examined into the allegations in said petition, and, from the embarrassed situation of their circumstances, are of opinion, that they are entitled to the attention of the legislature. They are satisfied that many payments have been made by the petitioners to Thomas Williams, in his lifetime, for which no receipts were taken, and for which no credit is given on the books of the said Thomas Williams; and that the facts suggested in said petition are in general true.

The committee are of opinion, that a resolve ought to pass, authorising and empowering the commissioners of the tax of said county to hear and determine all disputes, and audit all accounts, between the securities of the said Thomas Williams and the petitioners, or any of them, and to determine according to equity and justice, on a full consideration of all circumstances.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. QUINN, jun. clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. Ordered, That Mr. F. Bowie, Mr. Potts and Mr. Crawford, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The additional supplement to the act for enlarging the powers of the high court of chancery (referred from the last to the present session) was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. M'Pherson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Rutland, beg leave to report, that they have examined the facts therein stated, and find them true, and are of opinion that relief ought to be granted him agreeably to the prayer of his petition. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. QUINN, jun. clk.

Which was read.

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