

they have been able to get, do find that the principal facts contained in the said petition, are true viz.^t That the said John Macpherson is, and hath been, for sometime confined in said County jail: That he is very largely indebted to a number of persons (the particulars of which, your committee are not informed of) so as that there is no probability of his being able to extricate himself, without the aid and assistance of the legislature; and that the yearly income of the said John Macpherson, arising from the 30 per poll, may be about twenty six thousand pounds of tobacco, almost the whole of which is paid in tobacco. Your committee have also been informed, that there is about the quantity of one hundred and fifty acres of glebe land with some improvements thereon, (which now rents for ten pounds currency a year) and about thirteen or fourteen working negroes, and six or eight negro children belonging to the incumbent of said parish for the time being: That the said John Macpherson has also a lease, for one life only, of a parcel of valuable land lying in the County aforesaid containing about one hundred and fifty acres; but your committee are informed, and believe it to be true, that there is a mortgage which was made about two years ago, upon the said leased land, and also upon the negroes belonging to the glebe, to M.^r Thomas Contee, for the payment of a considerable debt due to the said M.^r Contee; but your committee are not informed how much. With regard to the Cudbear works, in Scotland, your committee have not been able to get any information relative to these works that can be depended on; but beg leave to suggest to this honorable house, that the same may be conveyed to trustees for the benefit of the creditors should an act pass for the relief of the petitioner. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honorable house.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 52
June 10

Sign'd p order Edward Ford clk.

M.^r Allen brought in, and delivered to M.^r speaker, a bill entitled an act for the relief of Joseph Scott of Worcester County: Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

M.^r Johnson brought in and delivered to M.^r speaker, the bill entitled an act to prevent any obstruction of the navigation in River Potowmack: Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

M.^r J. Dashiell brought in, and delivered to M.^r speaker a bill entitled an act to impower the justices of Somerset and Worcester Counties to levy on the taxable inhabitants of Stepney parish in Somerset and Worcester Counties, the quantity of one hundred and sixty thousand pounds of tobacco for the uses therein mentioned: Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On reading the second time the bill entitled an act for lengthening the time of inspecting tobacco in Frederick County: Ordered that the same be committed for amendments.