

A petition from George Liggett, of Baltimore county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

The report on the petition of the trustees of the poor of Queen-Anne's county was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Wilmer, Mr. C. Frazier, Mr. Brown and Mr. Butcher, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Handy, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Leatherbury, late sheriff and collector of the fund tax of Somerset county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find that the said Leatherbury has paid into the treasury of the eastern shore the sums respectively of one hundred and sixty-nine pounds twelve shillings and two-pence current money, as the fines and forfeitures, and five hundred and seventy pounds and nine-pence current money, as the fund tax of the said county, which sums were the whole balance of principal and interest of six per cent. due from the said Leatherbury; your committee are therefore of opinion that it would be proper for the legislature to grant the prayer of the petitioner, and submit to the house the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That John Leatherbury having paid the whole balance of principal and interest of six per cent. on the sums due from him as sheriff for fines and forfeitures, and collector of the fund tax for Somerset county, be and he is hereby released from the payment of the nine per cent. incurred in consequence of his non-payment of the principal at the time required by law.

By order,

J. HAKWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Robins, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act recognizing the coin of the United States, and the value of foreign coins as established by the acts of the congress of the United States; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Thomas Hutchings, of Baltimore county, praying to be indemnified from a judgment obtained by Daniel Dulany, administrator of Thomas Bladen, in the general court of the western shore, for a debt due the said deceased, which he paid into the treasury agreeably to an act of assembly passed at November session, 1785, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Baker, Mr. Key, Mr. Barroll, Mr. M'Mechen and Mr. Robins, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Chapman has leave of absence for a few days.

A petition from the vestry of Saint-Paul's parish, in Baltimore county, praying an act may pass empowering them from time to time to employ one or more additional minister or ministers to officiate in the several churches and chapels of the said parish, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Robins, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of John Leatherbury, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

A petition from William Smith, of Caroline county, praying an act may pass enabling him and his heirs to sell, by way of lottery, his property in Hillsborough, was preferred, read, and referred to the next session of assembly.

A petition from Charles Stuart, of Queen-Anne's county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Worthington, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee appointed to take into consideration the petition of Benjamin Gatch, and others, inhabitants of Baltimore county, report, that they are of opinion that the prayer thereof is reasonable and ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

Z. HUGHES, clk.

Which was read.

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

F R I D A Y, December 2, 1796.

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

The resolution in favour of John Leatherbury was sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Worthington has leave of absence for a few days.

Mr. Carroll, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the establishment of select vestries; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Thomas Lea, junior, of Queen-Anne's county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from Samuel Smylie, of Somerset county, praying his title may be confirmed in a lot of ground in Salisbury, which he purchased of the sheriff of the said county under a writ of fieri facias, which was not regularly executed, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Handy, Mr. Digges and Mr. Robins, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Leonard Belt, of Baltimore county, praying compensation for the use of his waggon and four horses, which were impressed to carry general Smallwood's baggage to Susquehanna river during the late war, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Wallace, Mr. Oneale and Mr. Swearingen, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from William Patterfon and Samuel Smith, of Baltimore-town, praying that they may be empowered to sell so much of the real estate of William Spear as will be sufficient to discharge the