

Mr. Harris brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower Elizabeth Margaret Littig, Philip Littig, and George Littig, to demise the real estate therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Oneale, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act relating to interest in certain cases, and other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On the second reading of the report from the conferrees of both houses, the question was put, That the following clause be struck out? "That the conferrees are unanimously of opinion, that the introduction of chambers of commerce, for the speedy decision of controversies arising between our citizens and foreigners trading to this state, would be highly advantageous to commerce, by removing those delays, which trials at common law and in the court of equity are liable to. However, notwithstanding the utility of such chambers, the conferrees conceive, that they cannot be introduced into this state, as being contrary to the declaration of rights, without pursuing the mode chalked out by the constitution when any alteration thereof is intended." Resolved in the affirmative.

The report being read throughout, the question was put, That the house concur therewith? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. M^cMechen brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower Isaac Marshall, of Somerset county, surviving executor of Aaron Tilghman, deceased, to sell certain lands therein mentioned, devised by the said Aaron Tilghman to be sold for the payment of his debts and legacies; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, RESOLVED, That after this day this house will not take under their consideration any new business of a private nature during the present session of assembly.

A petition from Sarah Butler, of Baltimore county, was preferred and read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill relating to judicial proceedings in the general court; and Mr. M^cMechen, Mr. Quynn, and Mr. Morris, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

ORDERED, That Mr. Keene, Mr. M^cMechen, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Hindman, be a committee to consider and report on the petition of Robert Crawford and Sarah Butler.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to regulate trade and commerce; and Mr. Kent, Mr. W. Stevenson, and Mr. Key, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

On motion, Leave given to bring in an additional Supplement to an act, entitled, An act to unite the free-schools of Saint Mary's, Charles, and Prince-George's counties; and Mr. Key, Mr. Hawkins, and Mr. Digges, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

Mr. Grahame, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard Chew, of Anne-Arundel county, beg leave to report, That they have examined the same, and find that the petitioner purchased part of a tract of land called Wells and Little Wells, of a certain John Birkhead and Anne his wife, and obtained a deed for the same on the 20th of December, 1781; that the consideration money has been paid, but from some neglect in the petitioner the deed has not been recorded; and as he sets forth, that he was on militia duty, and detained beyond the time limited by law for recording the said deed, your committee are therefore of opinion that his prayer ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Wootton, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower the justices of Montgomery county to assess and levy a sum of money on the inhabitants of the said county, for the purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Kent, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Sylvester, of Caroline county, beg leave to report, That they have examined the facts set forth in said petition, and believe them to be truly stated, and are of opinion that a law ought to pass agreeable to the prayer thereof. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of Mordecai Gofnell was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.

The engrossed bills No. 14 and 15 were read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bills thereof, by Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Mackall.

The bill to ascertain fees to justices of the peace for services done out of court, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale appeared as follow:

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