

said John Cannon and Anne Cannon his wife, by deed of bargain and sale did, on the second day of September seventeen hundred and seventy-five, make over and convey to the said Sarah Piner, an estate in fee simple in one undivided part of one hundred and fifty acres of land, being part of several tracts of land lying and being in Kent county aforesaid, called Staple's Warren, (or Warrant) Tilghman's Choice, and Little Grove; that the said deed was duly acknowledged before Hercules Courteney and Ebenezer Mackie, magistrates of Baltimore county, as by a reference to the proceedings of the governor and council will appear; that by the said acknowledgment it appears, that the said Anne made the same willingly and freely, being examined to that purpose out of the presence and hearing of her said husband; that by the receipt of the said John Cannon, endorsed on the said deed, £. 154 2 2, the full consideration appears to have been paid, (which your committee are ascertained was the fact) and that by another endorsement on the same, that the said deed, on the 4th of March, 1776, was recorded among the records of Kent county; that there is no certificate of the clerk of Baltimore county endorsed on said deed, that the said persons before whom the deed was acknowledged were magistrates at the time, but your committee on inquiry find, that they were, at the time of taking said acknowledgment, magistrates of Baltimore county aforesaid, properly qualified and sworn; and are of opinion that said petition ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Joseph Dashiell, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to establish a road in Worcester county, from the Sinepuxent road to Walton Purnell and Annanias Hoson's grist mill, and from thence to Freeman's Branch; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The report on the petition of Richard Chew was read the second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

Mr. Grahame delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to direct the recording a deed from John Birkhead and Anne his wife, to Richard Chew, of Anne-Arundel county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee, to which was referred the petition of Francis Rochester, junior, of Queen-Anne's county, beg leave to report, that they find the facts stated in said petition are true, and without the interposition of the legislature the petitioner has no remedy till the infant arrives to the age of twenty-one. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that the said petition be granted. All which is submitted to the consideration of the house of delegates.

By order,

R. B. LATIMER, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Mary Crudginton and Elizabeth Topping, praying an act may pass, granting them a proportion of two thirds of the valuation of certain escheated property formerly belonging to Daniel Crudginton, deceased, was preferred and read.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, was read the second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill to prevent the admission of convicts or criminals from other countries into this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Joseph Dashiell, Mr. Lethbury, Mr. Steret, Mr. M'Mechen, and Mr. Wright, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The petition of Mary Crudginton and Elizabeth Topping was read a second time, and referred to Mr. Ridgely of William, Mr. Lethbury, and Mr. Quynn, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Seney, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to prevent the owners of slaves from contracting with them for their time of service; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Isaac and Abraham Vanbibber, setting forth, that they loaned money to the United States in 1778 and 1779, for the purpose of carrying on the war; that they afterwards accepted this state for payment, and had a number of certificates liquidated under the act of 1782 or 1783, but have not been able to obtain the payment of any interest thereon, and praying relief in the premises; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Joseph Dashiell, Mr. Key, Mr. G. Scott, Mr. Steret, and Mr. Ridgely of William, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from James Rumsey, praying an act may pass, vesting in him the sole and exclusive right, privilege, and benefit, of constructing, navigating and employing, boats constructed upon a model by him newly invented, upon the creeks, rivers and bays, within this state; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Oneale, and Mr. G. Scott, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Johnson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report on the petition of Philip Hall; which was read.

The petition of Sarah Muir, of Saint Mary's county, was referred to Mr. Plowden, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. De Butts, to consider and report thereon.

On the second reading the report on the petition of Eleanor and Charlotte Frazier, the question was put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the affirmative. Leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.