

A petition from Francis Ellerton, a languishing prisoner in Baltimore county gaol, praying relief, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

The bill for the inspection of plank and scantling in the town of Baltimore, referred from the last to the present session, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The message of yesterday by Richard Ridgely, Esquire, proposing to include Gabriel Duvall and Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer, Esquires, to meet in convention at Philadelphia, was read the second time and agreed to.

Mr. T. Johnson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report on the petitions of sundry purchasers of confiscated British property.

The order of the day being resumed, and some time spent in debate thereon, the further consideration thereof was postponed till to-morrow morning.

Peregrine Tilghman, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolution in favour of William Stone, endorsed; "By the senate, May 9, 1787: Read and assented to.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 8 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, May 10, 1787.

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

The report on the several memorials and petitions of sundry purchasers of confiscated British property, was read.

Mr. Matthews appeared in the house.

The report on the memorial of Job Garretson, was read the second time and concurred with.

The bill to incorporate a company for the insurance of dwelling houses and other buildings from loss or damage by fire, was sent to the senate by Mr. Hollingsworth.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill authorizing the appointment of trustees to sell and convey a tract of land called Hall's Lot, lying and being in Charles county, for the purposes therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, May 8, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, May 10, 1787: Read the second time and will not pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Mr. Speaker lays before the house a letter from Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire, of this day, declining to accept of his appointment as a deputy to meet the convention to be held at Philadelphia for the purpose of revising the federal constitution; which was read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the house resumed the further consideration of the bill to repeal all the acts, or parts of acts, of assembly of this state, which are repugnant to the treaty of peace between the United States of America and his Britannic majesty, and on motion, the question was put, That the said bill be amended, by striking out the following words: "To repeal all the acts, or parts of acts, of assembly of this state, which are repugnant to the treaty of peace between the United States of America and his Britannic majesty.

"Whereas certain laws or statutes made and passed in some of the United States are regarded and complained of as repugnant to the treaty of peace with Great-Britain, by reason whereof not only the good faith of the United States, pledged by that treaty, has been drawn into question, but their essential interests under that treaty greatly affected: And whereas justice to Great-Britain, as well as regard to the honour and interests of the United States, require that the said treaty be faithfully executed, and that all obstacles thereto, and particularly such as do or may be construed to proceed from the laws of this state, be effectually removed; therefore,

"Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That such of the acts, or parts of acts, of the legislature of this state, as are repugnant to the treaty of peace between the United States and his Britannic majesty, or any article thereof, shall be and hereby are repealed; and further, that the courts of law and equity within this state, be and they hereby are directed and required, in all causes and questions cognizable by them respectively, and arising from, or touching the said treaty, to decide and adjudge according to the tenor, true intent, and meaning of the same, any thing in the said acts, or parts of acts, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding."

And inserting the following: "Declaring the treaty of peace between the United States and his Britannic majesty the supreme law within this state.

"Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, and it is hereby declared, That the treaty of peace made between the United States of America and his Britannic majesty, is the supreme law within this state, and shall be so considered and adjudged in all courts of law and equity; and all causes and questions cognizable by the said courts respectively, ought and shall be determined according to the said treaty, and the tenor, true intent, and meaning thereof."

The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Joshua Seney, appeared as follow:

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