

The bill to empower the vestry of Great Choptank parish to sell or apply the materials of the old church in said parish to the building a new church in Cambridge, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill to open a road from Venable's mills, on Barren creek, in Somerset county, to Dean's Landing, on Nanticoke river, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Beatty, of Frederick county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion the facts therein set forth are true, and that the prayer thereof ought to be granted. Your committee also beg leave to suggest the propriety of passing a law for the relief of all persons who had warrants granted under the old government, common or special, and hath not had them renewed, authorising the register of the land-office to grant them new ones.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of Thomas Hyde, was read the second time and concurred with.

Whereas it is represented to this general assembly by the petition of Thomas Hyde, of the city of Annapolis, that on the twenty first day of June, seventeen hundred and eighty-one, he paid to the treasurer of the western shore the sum of twelve pounds one shilling and three-pence on account of Perkins, Buchanan and Brown, merchants, London, pursuant to the act of assembly made at a session begun the seventeenth day of October, seventeen hundred and eighty; that since that time he has settled all accounts with the said Perkins, Buchanan and Brown, and praying a return of the money paid into the treasury as aforesaid; and the said facts appearing to this general assembly to be true, RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay unto Thomas Hyde the aforesaid sum of twelve pounds one shilling and three-pence lodged in the treasury as aforesaid.

Sent to the senate.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of James Orrick, having taken the same under their consideration, beg leave to report, that they are of opinion the prayer of the petitioner is unreasonable, and ought not to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

The resolution in favour of James O'Bryon, was sent to the senate.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house the following report :

To the honourable the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND.

WE, the subscribers, three of the commissioners appointed by an act of assembly passed at November session, 1790, entitled, An act for appointing commissioners to contract for and purchase the Indian Lands in Dorchester county, and for appropriating the same to the use of this state, beg leave to report, that on Tuesday the 5th day of July, 1791, we met on the lands aforesaid, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the said act, before John Stevens, Esquire, one of the justices of the peace for Dorchester county, proceeded on the business; first, by summoning all the Indians now living on said lands, who met and attended, to wit, Mary Mulberry, Nancy Ashquash, Nancy Cohonk, Sarah Henry, James Mulberry, Henry Sixpence, Thomas Joshua, Esther Henry and Henry Mulberry. 2dly, We read the law to them, and offered to lay off three hundred acres of land, for their use, most convenient, so as to include their present settlement, and to allow them three hundred dollars per annum, to be paid quarterly to an agent of their own appointing; the question being put to them, Will you or will you not accept of the terms proposed? There appeared for accepting Thomas Joshua and Esther Henry; against accepting, Mary Mulberry, Nancy Ashquash, Nancy Cohonk, Sarah Henry, James Mulberry, Henry Sixpence and Henry Mulberry; (seven to two.) Your commissioners beg leave further to report, that from the best information they could get, that the rents received by the said Indians amount to the sum of one hundred and nineteen pounds, one hundred and two pounds of which is received by Mary Mulberry, and the remaining sum of seventeen pounds by Nancy Ashquash, and they give to the other Indians such part as they think proper. Your commissioners are of opinion that the land is worth more than double that sum per annum, and in case the legislature should not think proper to sell the said lands without the consent of the Indians, a trustee or agent ought to be appointed to let the land and prevent waste thereon, and distribute the money in more equal proportions among the Indians, by which means justice will take place among them, and the land preserved from the great waste made on it by the tenants and others, which, in a few years, must render it of little or no value; at present it is valuable, and would sell for a considerable sum of money.

All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable the General Assembly.

DANIEL SULIVANE,
JAMES SHAW,
JOHN ECCLESTON.

Which was read. ORDERED, That the same be referred to Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Senev and Mr. Eccleston, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act, entitled, An act to provide a permanent fund for the further encouragement and establishment of Washington college, and to apply the funds to the use of the poor of the respective counties of the eastern shore? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Comegys, appeared as follow :

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