

market price at the time of the delivery of the wheat, and that a certificate issue to the said John Francis Gardiner for the amount, with interest; and that the said certificate be receivable for any debts due the state, and charged on the funds appropriated for the redemption of army certificates.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John M'Comas, of Harford county, report, that they find that the said John M'Comas preferred a petition to the general assembly at their last session, which said petition was referred to the next session of assembly, both which petitions your committee have examined, and are of opinion that the facts therein stated are true. They have also examined a certificate from ten of the jury who were empowered to value the land through which the road was to pass, wherein they certify, that they valued the said damages sustained by the petitioner considerably lower than they intended, owing to a mistake or misconstruction of the act under which they acted. Your committee are of opinion, that relief ought to be granted to said petitioner, and do recommend the county court of Harford be empowered to direct the sheriff of said county to summon a new jury to value the said damages as the said law directs, and that the damages so valued be paid to the said petitioner in the same manner as directed by the said law. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Emory has leave of absence.

The report on the petition of sundry purchasers of My Lady's Manor, was read the second time and concurred with.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to empower the justices of Charles county to assess and levy a sum of money on said county to repair their court-house and build a record-office, endorsed; "By the senate, November 24, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, November 25, 1791: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

And the supplement to the act to provide for the appointment of commissioners for the regulation and improvement of Easton, in Talbot county, and to establish and regulate a market at said town, endorsed; "By the senate, November 24, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, November 25, 1791: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, November 28, 1791.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Wilkinon, Mr. Chesley, Mr. Emory, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Comegys, Mr. T. Ringgold, Mr. Lowes, Mr. Chapman and Mr. T. Harwood. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Wright, Mr. S. Smith, Mr. Deakins, Mr. Bowie and Mr. Turner, appeared in the house.

Mr. Love, from the committees, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following reports:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Israel Morris, James Bond and Robert Harris, and the counter petition of Aquila Norris, report, that by the act of November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-two, ch. 16, James Scott, administrator of Daniel Scott, was empowered to sell and dispose of part of two tracts of land in Harford county, for the payment of the debts of the said Daniel; that in consequence of this act of assembly, the said James Scott sold such parts of the said tracts of land as were supposed to be within the courses and limits mentioned in the law, and gave the purchaser possession; that since the sale, it has been discovered that the expressions of the act do not include all the land intended to be sold, and, of consequence, that the seller could not comply with the terms of sale; that the purchaser refuses payment of the purchase money, for the reasons aforesaid, and has filed a bill in chancery for relief against a judgment obtained on his bond; which bill is still depending. The committee do not conceive that if a law should pass, as prayed for, it would, in any manner, interfere with the contract of the parties, but would only go to enable the seller to comply with his engagement as entered into; what that engagement was, will be decided by the proper tribunal; nor can it be either restricted or enlarged by a law which only gives him power to carry it into effect. The committee are therefore of opinion that an act ought to pass empowering the trustees of James Scott, under the direction of the court of chancery, to convey any lands sold by him in consequence of the aforesaid law, to the purchaser thereof agreeably. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk.

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Sewell, of Harford county, report, that in their opinion a law ought to pass authorising the court of chancery to grant relief in the case of the petitioner, and all others of a similar nature. The laws, under which the chancellor has power to direct deeds to be recorded, do not provide for any case where the grantor is a non-resident, and the committee conceive this to be a defect which requires to be supplied. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk.  
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