

missioned officers and soldiers, or their legal representatives, for what may appear to be justly due to them, agreeable to the regulations heretofore established; provided that application be made by the first day of November next; and that the auditor give at least six weeks public notice of this indulgence in the Annapolis, Baltimore, and Easton news-papers.

T. PURDY, clk.

By order,

Which was read the first and second time, and the resolution therein assented to.

Mr. M'Mechen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the vestry of Saint Paul's parish, report, that they have examined the allegations therein contained, and find them true, that his excellency John Eager Howard is willing to convey the piece of ground in the said petition mentioned, if empowered so to do by law. Your committee do recommend the granting the prayer of said petition, as the same will be of advantage to said society, and cannot be injurious to this state. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

T. PURDY, clk.

By order,

Which was read.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Tilghman be added to the committee appointed to report an effectual mode of forwarding the laws and public papers of the state.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Chaille, and Mr. M'Mechen, be added to the committee appointed on the petitions of insolvent debtors.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, November 13, 1790.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The house being informed that the honourable speaker is indisposed, and unable to attend, proceeded to the choice of a speaker, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike, after some time reported, that the honourable George Dent, Esquire, was unanimously elected.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the president and directors of the Patowmack company, on behalf of the same company, report, that they have examined the said petition, and are of opinion that a law ought to pass in favour of the petitioners for the following purposes:

1st. To lengthen the time for making and improving the navigation above the Great Falls of Patowmack, until the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-four.

2d. That none of the shares, not already sold or subscribed for, be hereafter taken up, but on the purchaser or subscriber first paying the full amount of the previous calls for money made by the president and directors of said company, and interest thereon from the time such calls ought to have been complied with.

3d. That all delinquent subscribers be obliged to pay interest from the time the money called for ought to have been paid, with the actual expence of serving notice on such delinquents, to be recovered in like manner, and with the principal.

4th. That foreigners be enabled and permitted to purchase, or subscribe for and hold, shares in the Patowmack company.

5th. That the place of collection of tolls be at or near Hook's Falls, instead of at or near Payne's Falls.

6th. That one third part of the tolls granted by the act of incorporation, which were demandable and to be received at the Great Falls, on the navigation being completed, be now demandable and received at the said Great Falls, and also on all goods, commodities and produce, landed at or near Watts's Branch.

7th. That the said president and directors of the Patowmack company be empowered to apply any part of the capital subscribed, and also the tolls as they may arise, to the opening, improving and extending, the navigation on the branches of the river Patowmack, above Seneca.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

The resolution in favour of non-commissioned officers and soldiers, was sent to the senate by Mr. Ridgely.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Hollingsworth be added to the committee appointed on the petition of Archibald Job.

Mr. James Steele, a delegate returned for Dorchester county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house.

Mr. Jones, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A Supplement to an act for the relief of the poor of Somerset county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Samuel Keene, and others, of Caroline and Queen-Anne's counties, praying sundry amendments to an act passed last session for draining of land in said counties, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Seney, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Harris, Mr. Downes, and Mr. Walker, to consider and report thereon.