

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill relative to lands devised, where there are no known heirs, or the heirs are aliens. **ORDERED,** That Mr. Robins, Mr. Dashiell and Mr. Nicholson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Jarrett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower the levy court of Harford county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dashiell, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act relative to lands devised, where there are no known heirs, or the heirs are aliens; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from George Snatchell, of Frederick county, counter to the petition of John Frederick Magnus Amelung, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition, which it is counter.

Mr. Pattison appeared in the house.

Mr. J. Buchanan, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: **THE** committee to whom was referred the petition of George Bower, report, that they have examined and considered the same, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted.

By order,

A. GOLDBER, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Bruce, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act respecting certain lots westward of Fort Cumberland erroneously transferred; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petitions of James Pope, of Anne-Arundel county, and Stephen Yoe, of Queen-Anne's county, report, that they learn, from respectable testimony, that the petitioners enlisted in the service of the United States early in the revolution war, under an engagement to serve during the whole war; that they unfortunately lost their fight in the service of their country, and this peculiar circumstance renders it impossible for them to gain a livelihood by labour. If they were in any manner able to add by their labour to the small sum which they draw for half pay, your committee could not, with propriety, report in their favour; but considering the misfortune under which the petitioners labour, and the utter impossibility of their procuring a subsistence by their own exertions, your committee submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay quarterly to James Pope, of the city of Annapolis, and Stephen Yoe, of Queen-Anne's county, the sum of _____ dollars, in addition to their half pay.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 10 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, December 4, 1797.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The report on the petition of Daniel Powell Cox was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.

The amendment to the supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor of Talbot county, was read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The report on the petition of William Polk was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.

A petition from Robert Hay, of Talbot county, counter to the petition of James Grace, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it is counter.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for amending, and reducing into system, the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans and other representatives of deceased persons; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That the said bill have a second reading on Friday next.

Mr. Jarrett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to encourage the destruction of wolves and crows in the several counties therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to encourage the destruction of crows in Kent county.

ORDERED, That Mr. Page, Mr. Comegys and Mr. Parker, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill relative to lands devised, where there are no known heirs, or the heirs are aliens, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from Joshua Breeswood, of Dorchester county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Greenwell, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorize and empower the levy court of Saint-Mary's to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the support of the son of Elizabeth Thompson, and the daughter of Margaret Davis; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Emerson appeared in the house.