

The report on the petition of John Ragan and Richard Brooke was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.

ORDERED, That the report on the petition of Anne Smyth be withdrawn.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Anne Smyth, of Kent county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find, from certain documents produced to your committee, that the facts therein stated are true, and are of opinion that the petitioner is entitled to relief in the premises.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Comegys, Mr. Angier and Mr. Parker, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from William Evans, of Baltimore county, praying the levy courts of Anne-Arundel and Baltimore counties may be authorized to levy a sum of money on said counties to reimburse him for money laid out and expended on the public roads in said counties, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Godman, Mr. Worthington, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Smith and Mr. J. C. Thomas, to consider and report thereon.

The amendments to the bill to authorize and empower the levy court of St. Mary's county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the support of Elizabeth Goodrick, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The amendments to the bill to empower the levy court of Harford county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

A petition from the vestry of Saint-Peter's church, in Talbot county, praying an act may pass requiring the next county court to proceed agreeably to the act of 1704, and also to examine into the complaint of the said vestry respecting the destruction of the chapel, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Harwood, Mr. Kerr and Mr. Martin, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of Samuel P. Wallace was read the second time, and the question put, That the house assent to the resolution therein contained? Determined in the negative.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for erecting a bridge over Patowmack river, endorsed; "By the senate, December 5, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 7, 1797: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to establish a market at Summer-Hill in West Nottingham hundred, in Cecil county, for the sale of live stock, was read the second time and passed.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of William Polk, and others, trustees of Washington academy, in Somerset county, report, that from the best information they can obtain Washington academy, in Somerset county, has for many years been an academy of considerable reputation and utility; that it has never received any encouragement from government, but has been raised and supported by the voluntary subscriptions of praise-worthy individuals, whose high sense of the benefits resulting from a diffusion of knowledge has patronized and protected the institution; that a fire accident by fire has destroyed the buildings, library, and valuable mathematical and philosophical apparatus, and much embarrassed the resources and funds of the trustees, which consist of a fee-farm of four acres of land in Somerset county, the donation of an individual, and of balances of solvent subscriptions on bond, to the amount of two thousand pounds current money. The committee, duly impressed with the importance of education, as protective of our present liberties, and calculated to secure their continuance, and of the necessity of having virtuous and able men to discharge the various offices of the state, and to aid the administration of our public affairs, are of opinion that it would be politic and wise to loan to the said trustees the sum of five thousand dollars, free of interest, for five years, of the said trustees mortgaging the said four acres of land, with the improvements to be erected thereon to the treasurer of the western shore, as a collateral security for the reimbursement of the principal of said sum at the expiration of five years from the day of receiving the same, and recommend the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore advance the sum of five thousand dollars to the trustees of Washington academy, in Somerset county, on the said four acres of land and the improvements thereon being conveyed to Thomas Harwood, treasurer of the western shore, and his heirs or successors, in trust, to secure the repayment of the said principal sum of five thousand dollars for the use of the state in five years from the day of receiving the same.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Godman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act declaring a road in the upper part of Baltimore county a public highway, and for keeping the same in repair, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, ORDERED, That the resolutions for investing sixty-six thousand dollars in the bank of Baltimore be withdrawn.

The following question being propounded to the house, was read, viz.

RESOLVED, That the state of Maryland become a subscriber to, and stockholder in, the bank of Baltimore, to the amount of sixty-six thousand dollars, or two hundred and twenty shares, and that the