

M O N D A Y, December 11, 1797.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. E. Brown. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Emory appeared in the house.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Dorchester county was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Goldborough, Mr. Craig and Mr. T. Buchanan, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The resolution for investing sixty-six thousand dollars in the bank of Baltimore, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill to alter the mode of collecting the county tax in Cecil county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of George-town Cross Roads, in Kent county, praying an act may pass to prevent swine going at large, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Page, Mr. Comery and Mr. Parker, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the remonstrance of the orphans court of Calvert county report, that they have examined into the facts, and find the state of the public records and papers in the register's office in said county confused, and are of opinion a law should pass to methodize the records, and aid the defects occasioned by the neglect of the officer.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The bill authorizing the justices of the levy court of Somerset county to levy a sum of money on the assessable property of the said county for building a prison in the county, and other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill to authorize a lottery for repairing and completing the church and chapel in Shrewsbury parish, and for the sale of the glebe-lands belonging to the same in Kent county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to authorize a lottery to improve the post-road leading through Allegany county, endorsed; "By the senate, November 22, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 9, 1797: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

The report on the petition of John Eccleston was read the second time and concurred with.

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

RESOLVED, That the claim of John Eccleston, of Dorchester county, be referred to the auditor to settle, and that in such settlement the auditor charge the said Eccleston fifteen shillings per acre for No. 3 of the Nantioke Indian lands, clear of dispute, purchased by him from the state; and that the treasurer of the western shore pay unto said Eccleston any sum which may be found due to him upon such settlement.

ORDERED, That the same have a second reading on to-morrow morning.

A petition from William Buchanan, of George, stating, that he paid a sum of money into the treasury to discharge a debt due to John and Gilbert Buchanan, of London, merchants, and praying the treasury may be directed to repay to him the sum of seventy-five pounds of the emission of June 1780, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Worthington, Mr. Robins and Mr. Young, to consider and report thereon.

Petitions from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying the said county may be divided into three districts, for the purpose of holding elections, were preferred and read.

Petitions from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying the act for laying out and establishing a turnpike road through Frederick-town, from Elizabeth-town in Washington county to Baltimore-town, may not pass, were preferred and read.

Mr. Goldborough, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to preserve the navigation of Hunting creek; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A memorial from Robert Amos, collector of the public taxes in Harford county for the years 1779 and 1785, praying a return of money paid into the treasury, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Jarrett, Mr. Robins, Mr. C. Frazier, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Thomas, of Frederick, to consider and report thereon.

The amendments to the bill to alter the times of holding the county courts in the several counties therein mentioned, were read the second time and rejected.

The amendments to the bill supplementary to the act, entitled, An act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to incorporate the Somerset library company, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of Henry Ridgely, Esquire, chief justice of the third district of this state, report, that in their opinion the salary is by no means adequate to the duties incident to his appointment; and a residence in Baltimore, where his constant attendance is contemplated by law; and they are of opinion his salary should be increased to nine hundred pounds per annum, if condition he resides with his family in the city of Baltimore, or the precincts thereof.

By order,

R. K. WATTS, clk.

Which was read.

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