

conceive the prayer of the petition is reasonable, but as it involves a constitutional question of considerable importance, they submit to the house the propriety of taking the same into consideration at this advanced stage of the session.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Parker, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to establish and regulate a market at Bridge-town, in Kent county, and for other purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Greenwell, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower the levy court of Saint-Mary's county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the support of Bennett Thompson, son of Elizabeth Thompson, and Deborah Davis, daughter of Margaret Davis; which was read the first and second time by especial order, and passed.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill respecting the roads of Talbot county. ORDERED, That Mr. Martin, Mr. Sherwood and Mr. Kerr, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill to repeal part of the act of assembly therein mentioned? Resolved in the affirmative. ORDERED, That Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Robins, Mr. Smith, Mr. Plowden, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Duckett and Mr. Jarrett, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

T H U R S D A Y, December 14, 1797.

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

Mr. R. Magruder, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower the levy court of Montgomery county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the support of Jemima Thompson; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom were referred the petitions of sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying a road to be laid out from Neel's lane, so as to intersect the public road leading to the city of Baltimore, report, that they have taken the said petitions into consideration, and are of opinion that a road through the neighbourhood of the petitioners is absolutely necessary, and that commissioners ought to be appointed to lay off a road, beginning at the lane aforesaid, so as to intersect the road leading to the city of Baltimore, in a direction that shall appear to them the most eligible and beneficial to the public.

By order,

A. GOLDBER, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Goldborough, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to lay off and open a certain public road in Talbot county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Comegys, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to prevent hogs from going at large in George-town Cross Roads, in Kent county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. J. C. Thomas, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower Richard Harwood to collect the balances due him as sheriff and collector of Anne-Arundel county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to alter and amend a certain erroneous patent. ORDERED, That Mr. Wilson, Mr. Bruce and Mr. Comegys, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to an act, entitled, An act to streighten and amend the several public roads in the several counties in this state, and for other purposes therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. P. Magruder, Mr. Clarke and Mr. R. Magruder, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

A petition from John Summer and John Aulabough, of Washington county, praying the court of said county may be authorised to appoint commissioners to view the old and new roads leading from the foot of Turner's Gap to, or near to, Boonsborough, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. J. Buchapan, Mr. Bruce and Mr. C. Beall, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying an act may pass to streighten and shorten the rout from Sharpsburgh to captain John Langley's tavern, being part of the Hagar's-town rout, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on the above petition of John Summer and John Aulabough to consider and report thereon.

The bill to authorise and empower the levy court of Dorchester county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, was read the second time by especial order, and passed.

The supplement to the act, entitled, An act for creating a bridge over Patowmack river, was read the second time, and passed.

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

Mr. Jones, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A further additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate public ferries; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.