

Mr. Jones, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of William Polk, of Somerset county; which was read the first and second time by especial order, and passed.

A memorial from the mayor and city council of the city of Baltimore, praying a donation of money for the purpose of erecting an hospital, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Smith and Mr. Polk, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Bruce, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to prohibit the driving of cattle into Allegany county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Carroll, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to separate the civil and criminal business of Baltimore county from that of Baltimore city, and to continue an act of assembly 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 the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the letter of the governor, on the subject of the abuses and inadequacy of the provisions of the law relative to the militia, report, that in their judgment the most effectual mode of doing it is by an entire revision of the militia laws of this state.

By order, Which was read the first and second time and concurred with. ORDERED, That the said report, and the letter from the governor, be referred to the committee appointed to bring in a bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, praying an act may pass for building a new prison, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Worthington, Mr. Smith, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Merryman, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Wilson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom were referred the petitions of sundry insolvent debtors, further report, that they find that William Reeves, Matthew Lodge, George Lytle, Jacob F. Levy and John Friday, of Baltimore county, William Wenstandley, Stephen Watkins and Valentine Brown, of Anne Arundel county, William Chew, of Calvert county, Thomas Nichols and Edward W. Watt, of Montgomery county, James Grace, of Talbot county, John Fendall Beall and Jacob Clements, of Charles county, and Joseph Everitt, of Queen Anne's county, have given notice of their several intentions to apply to the legislature for acts of insolvency; your committee are therefore of opinion relief should be granted them. The committee further report, that John Goulding, Patrick Goulding, Samuel Tyler, Benjamin Duhamel, Charles Ward, Thomas Gaffaway, John McKiver, William Needham and Thomas Harwood, have not, as appears to your committee, given notice. Your committee further report, that there are petitions counter to those of John Friday, Stephen Zacharie and John F. Beall, and that there has been a petition counter to that of Jacob F. Levy, which the counter petitioners request should be withdrawn. All which is submitted.

By order, Which was read. The clerk of the senate delivers the resolutions for investing sixty-six thousand dollars in the bank of Baltimore, endorsed; "By the senate, December 11, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order, "By the senate, December 14, 1797: Read the second time and deferred to the next session."

"By order, The bill to alter the times of holding the county courts in Caroline and Dorchester counties, endorsed; "By the senate, December 15, 1797: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass."

Ordered to be engrossed. A memorial from Jeremiah Townley Chafe, Esquire, one of the judges of the general court, praying an increase of salary, endorsed; "By the senate, December 15, 1797: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates."

"By order, Which was read, and referred to Mr. Wilson, Mr. Quynn, Mr. Key, Mr. Kerr and Mr. J. C. Thomas, to consider and report thereon.

ORDERED, That summonses issue for Margaret Price, Harriett Price, Henry Criff, Robert Gorer and George Jenings, to give evidence respecting the charge against Robert Swales.

Which were issued accordingly. The house took into consideration the order of the day respecting Robert Swales, and also examining several witnesses, adjourned till 9 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met, and resumed the consideration of the said order, and after examination of all the witnesses, the question was put, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday morning. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

- Greenwell, Godman, Kerr, Goldborough, C. Frazier, Bennett,
Page, Chapman, Harwood, Miller, Warfield, Buchanan,
Parker, Pettibone, Myland, Quynn, Bruce, Rice,
J. C. Thomas, Thomas, Chas. Jones, Key, Gift, R. Magruder,
Brogden, Sherwood, Dashiell, Nicholson, Bond,
Hall, Martin, S. Frazier, Jr. Broth,