

Whereas by the act of congress passed on the third of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, four thousand five hundred copies of the laws of the United States were directed to be published and distributed among the respective states, in such manner as the several legislatures or executives thereof should deem most conducive to the general information of the people, and there being three hundred and eighty of the said copies assigned for the use of this state; therefore, RESOLVED, That the governor and council send five copies of the said laws to the several county clerks, to be delivered by them, one copy thereof to each of the associate justices of the county court, another copy to the sheriff, another copy to the clerk of the commissioners of the tax, for the use of the said commissioners, another copy to the register of wills, for the use of the orphans courts.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the governor and council deliver or cause to be delivered a copy of the said laws to each member of the general assembly, to each judge of the general court, and to each chief justice of the county courts; the residue to be distributed in such manner as the governor and council may think proper.

Mr. Tilghman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to open and establish a road from Worton neck to Chester-town, in Kent 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 for building a new gaol in Baltimore county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The report on the petition of Peter Redhead was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That the committee appointed on said petition prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Summers, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower Hardage Lane, of Montgomery county, occasionally to remove his slaves from the state of Virginia to this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of George Cook, late captain of the state armed ship Defence, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and no vouchers appearing to substantiate the facts therein contained, are of opinion that he is not entitled to the relief prayed for. All which is submitted.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Philip Reed, of Kent county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find, from the accounts and vouchers submitted to them, that an unsettled claim exists between the petitioner and the state of Maryland, but your committee not being sufficiently enabled to ascertain, with certainty, the balance due, recommend it to the house to authorize the treasurer of the eastern shore to liquidate and settle his account, and to pay him such balance as he may think proper and right; they therefore submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the eastern shore be authorized and directed to examine, liquidate and settle, the account of Philip Reed, of Kent county, with the state of Maryland, and to ascertain and pay the balance that may be due him out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

The supplement to the act, entitled, An act to establish and regulate a market at Bridge-town, in Kent county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time, and passed.

The report on the petition of Mary Yeiser was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That the committee appointed on the said petition prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to alter the time of holding the courts in the counties therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. J. Buchanan, Mr. Warfield and Mr. Thomas, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Edmondson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Peter Redhead, of Talbot county, an insolvent debtor; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to alter that part of the constitution and form of government which requires property as a qualification in voters; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. J. Buchanan, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to alter the times of holding the courts in the several counties therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of the judges and officers of the criminal court of Baltimore county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought not to be granted.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.