

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1796. 27

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the trustees of Cokesbury college, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the same is reasonable and ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

Mr. Calvert, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Auguste Buard, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find, by certificates, that the said Sophia, his wife, was married to him on the seventeenth day of December, seventeen hundred and ninety-two, and that the said Sophia, since that period, to wit, on the nineteenth day of April, seventeen hundred and ninety-six, was married to Lewis Bullay, of Philadelphia. Your committee are of opinion that the prayer of said petition ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, ORDERED, That the committee appointed to bring in a bill to erect a company, as a body corporate, for the purpose of cutting and making a canal between the bay of Chesapeake and the river Delaware, be discharged.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Baker and Mr. Wallace be added to the committee appointed to bring in a supplement to the act for the establishment and regulation of the levy courts in the several counties of this state.

Mr. Worthington, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to repeal the thirty-third section of the act therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Moreton, of Baltimore county, report, that they have taken the same under their consideration, and are of opinion, that under the circumstances of the case a patent ought to issue; therefore submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the chancellor of this state be and he is hereby authorized and requested to issue a patent to the said Benjamin Moreton, and to any other legal representative of James M<sup>c</sup>Boyce, upon the certificate of survey returned to the land-office by the said James M<sup>c</sup>Boyce upon a tract of land containing one hundred and one acres, purchased of the intendant, he the said Benjamin Moreton, or any other representative claiming under the said James M<sup>c</sup>Boyce, first making proof before the chancellor, that the said James M<sup>c</sup>Boyce died intestate and without issue, and that he the said Benjamin Moreton, or other the representative claiming under the said James M<sup>c</sup>Boyce, is or are the nearest of kin in this country to the said James M<sup>c</sup>Boyce, and that he or they are naturalized.

And, whereas an escheat warrant may have issued to affect said land, RESOLVED, That the state doth hereby release, transfer and confirm, to the patentee or patentees, being the legal representative or representatives of the said James M<sup>c</sup>Boyce, any right it may have acquired to the said land in virtue of any such escheat warrant.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

Z. HUGHES, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Ridout, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the better administration of justice in the several counties of this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The report on the petition of Christian Weaver, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Worthington, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Merryman, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Carroll, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Christian Weaver; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Brome, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the vestry of Christ church parish, in Calvert county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

Z. HUGHES, clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of Alexander Rigdon, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, November 23, 1796.

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

Mr. John Lambert Wilmer, a delegate returned for Kent county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill for the better administration of justice in the several counties of this state, have a second reading on Tuesday next.

A petition