

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Robins, Mr. W. Thomas, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Baker and Mr. Digges, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Prince-George's county, report, that they have examined into the facts stated in the said petition, and find the same to be true, and that the prayer of the said petitioners ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

Z. HUGHES, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Baker, Mr. Duckett, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Calvert and Mr. Reintzel, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from John Erskine and John Thomas, junior, of Talbot county, administrators of Richard Johns, late sheriff of said county, praying they may be authorised to collect the balances due the said deceased in a summary way, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Whittington, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Hopewell, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Levin Irving, of Somerset county, report, they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true ; your committee are therefore of opinion that a law ought to pass to make valid the title of the petitioners lands, purchased under the writ of fieri facias, agreeable to the prayer of the petitioner. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

S. LUCKETT, clk.

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

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to the act, entitled, An act to erect a town in Queen-Anne's county. ORDERED, That Mr. Nicholson, Mr. C. Frazier and Mr. Butcher, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to prevent the exportation of flour not merchantable, and unsound salted provisions, from the port of Havre-de-Grace ; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to incorporate the charitable marine society of Baltimore, endorsed ; " By the senate, November 24, 1796 : Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

" By the senate, November 30, 1796 : Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

A petition from John Leathersbury, of Somerset county, stating, that he has incurred the penalty of fifteen per cent. as collector of the fines and forfeitures, and praying a remission of nine per cent. which is beyond the usual rate of six per cent. was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Whittington, Mr. Handy and Mr. Jones, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Thomas Beall, of George, and James Lackland, of Montgomery county, praying the court of Montgomery county may be authorised to receive and act upon the return made by Richard Wootton and Allen Bowie, two of the commissioners appointed by the act passed last session, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to straighten and amend the several public roads in the several counties therein mentioned, and for other purposes, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Oneale, Mr. Quynn and Mr. Reintzel, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying an act may pass to separate the judicial business of the county from that of Baltimore-town and its precincts, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. McMechen, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Merryman, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Digges, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of George-town, in Montgomery county, praying they may be authorised by a lottery to raise a sum of money to enable them to comply with their engagements for certain property purchased for the purpose of erecting a market-house, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Reintzel, Mr. Key and Mr. Swearingen, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to dispose of Eden School, in Somerset county, and to apply the money to the purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time, agreeably to the order of the day, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow :

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

Messieurs	W. Thomas,	Brome,	Sherwood,	Wallace,	Robins,	McMechen,
	Hopewell,	Emerlon,	Harwood,	Calvert,	Corbin,	McClain,
	Spencer,	Bourne,	Johnson,	Baker,	Willon,	Douglass,
	Carroll,	Chapman,	Lamdin,	Butcher,	Brother,	J. C. Beatty,
	Buchanan,	Digges,	S. Frazier,	C. Frazier,	Quynn, jun.	Clarke,
J. C. Thomas,	Merryman,	Campbell,	Whittington,	Young,	Tomlinson. 39-	
Brogden,	Ridgely,	Miller,				
N E G A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Wilmer,	Worthington,	Wilkins,	Duckett,	Brown,	Cellar,
	Ridout,	Carroll,	Goldborough,	Quynn,	Shriver,	Reintzel,
	Halt,	Jones,	Pattison,	Nicholson,	Prall,	Swearingen. 21-
	Sprigg,	Handy,	Savin,			

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition