

ferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Brother and Mr. Wallace, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the removal of the seat of justice from Melville's warehouse to Pig Point, in Caroline county. ORDERED, That Mr. Boone, Mr. Robins and Mr. Young, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from John Ridout, Anne-Arundel county, praying an act may pass confirming his title in two tracts of land, the one called The Desert, the other called Grassy Cabbin, lying in Allegany county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. J. C. Thomas and Mr. Robins, to consider and report thereon.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution in favour of Robert Haddaway, endorsed; "By the senate, November 30, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.
"By the senate, December 2, 1796: Read the second time and assented to.

The resolution in favour of Alexander Rigdon, endorsed; "By the senate, December 2, 1796: Read the first and second time by especial order and assented to.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."
The bill making valid the title of Matthew Ryan to several lots or parcels of land therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, December 1, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."
"By the senate, December 2, 1796: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.
"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

And the supplement to an act, entitled, An act relative to the proceedings in the court of chancery, and in the land-office, 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, December 2, 1796: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendment.
"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Amendment proposed. In the interlineation between the tenth and eleventh lines of the second page, after the word "or" insert the words "by any."

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Brother, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Frederick county; which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

Mr. Wilson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the payment of costs in suits to which the state may be a party; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the encouragement of learning in the counties therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Robins, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Brother, Mr. Parnham and Mr. William Thomas, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate, with the resolution in favour of Valentine Lynn, by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 5, 1796.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,
WE return you the resolution in favour of Valentine Lynn, and hope that upon reconsideration it will meet with your concurrence. The ground of your dissent, we presume, was the want of indifferent testimony to establish the fact of the petitioner's absence from the state of Maryland. As this testimony is now procured, we flatter ourselves all objections to the relief prayed for will be effectually removed.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

A petition from Anne Welsh, in behalf of her daughter Ciney Welsh, an idiot, praying an allowance for the said idiot, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. J. C. Thomas, Mr. Hopewell and Mr. Ridout, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Jones, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act relating to public roads in this state, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Brome, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to increase the allowance to jurymen and witnesses of the general court, and the several county courts in this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom the petition of Leonard Belt, of Baltimore county, was referred, have taken the same into consideration, and beg leave to report, that the prayer thereof ought not to be granted. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

S. LUCKETT, clk.

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

The amendments to the bill for the more effectual collection of the county charges in Allegany county were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

A petition