

M'Mechen, Mr. Worthington and Mr. Merryman, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel and the adjacent counties, praying the great post-road from Baltimore-town to the city of Washington may pass through Elk-Ridge Landing, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed to bring in a bill for establishing a turnpike road from Baltimore-town to the said city of Washington.

Petitions from Samuel T. Dyson, of Charles county; Robert R. Richardson, Isaac Smith Isaacs and Beauchamp Wolfenden, of Baltimore-town, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

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

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to sell and dispose of Eden school, in Somerset county, and applying the money to the purposes therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Robins, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Jones and Mr. Wilkins, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore-town, praying an act may pass authorising them to make and construct a street across the basin, with liberty to fill up and make fast land of all that part of the basin to the westward of the street to be made, and a counter petition thereto, were preferred and read.

RESOLVED, That this house will take into consideration the said petition and counter petition on the thirtieth day of this instant, and that the petitioners cause a copy of this resolve to be served on the board of wardens in Baltimore-town, and also on James Calhoun, Adrian Valck, John Stump and Philip Rogers, of said town.

RESOLVED, That the parties have liberty to be heard at the bar of this house by their counsel, and that the clerk of this house issue subpoenas for any witnesses that the parties interested may apply for, and that Christopher Hughes be responsible for costs on behalf of the petitioners.

A petition from Thomas B. Murriss, of Prince-George's county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from Alexander Rigdon, of Harford county, respecting a contract made with the intendant for 150 acres of land, in the reserve land in said county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Prall, Mr. Jarrett and Mr. Montgomery, to consider and report thereon.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:
BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 19, 1796.

GENTLEMEN,
WE accede to your proposition of a conference upon the communications made by the executive of the proceedings of the general assembly of Virginia on the subject of amendments to the constitution of the United States, and have appointed Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, William H. Dorsey and John S. Purnell, Esquires, to confer upon the subject with the gentlemen named in your message.

By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.
And the resolution in favour of George Richardson, endorsed; "By the senate, November 18, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.
"By the senate, November 19, 1796: Read the second time by especial order and assented to."

Mr. W. Thomas, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:
By the COMMITTEE of CLAIMS.

YOUR committee beg leave to report, that they have examined the accounts and proceedings of Thomas Harwood, Esquire, treasurer of the western shore, and find, by an account settled by the committee of claims to the first of November, 1795, there was a balance of £. 33916 7 1 specie, 230225 dollars 64 cents funded 6 per cent. stock, 262184 dollars 25 cents 3 per cent. stock, and 55718 dollars 79 cents deferred 6 per cent. stock, remaining in the treasury.

That it appears to your committee, by the accounts of said treasurer, he hath received, on bonds in the old loan-office, 451 dollars 59 cents 6 per cent. stock, 333 dollars 33 cents deferred stock, and £. 118 12 5 specie. For escheats, caution, and improvements on land certificates, £. 10957 1 0 specie. For fines and forfeitures £. 3170 11 5 specie. For marriage licences £. 1627 17 9 specie. For ordinary and retailers licences £. 6505 10 3 specie. For taxes under the act for the better administration of justice £. 383 11 11 1/2 specie. For taxes under the act for the better adjustment of the salary to the chancellor £. 969 11 5 specie. For duties in the naval department £. 1226 0 6 specie. For confiscated property £. 4 13 3 interest on 6 per cent. stock, 22903 dollars 79 cents 6 per cent. stock, 4127 dollars 9 cents deferred 6 per cent. stock, £. 345 5 1 certificates for debts adjusted, interest on said certificates £. 2 12 0, £. 392 12 6 certificates for debts against persons convicted of treason, interest on said certificates £. 24 16 0, and the sum of £. 3552 16 5 specie. For taxes from the several collectors on the western shore 501 dollars 46 cents 6 per cent. stock, and £. 9825 5 6 1/2 specie. For bonds taken for open accounts 221 dollars 95 cents 6 per cent. stock, and £. 59 0 3 specie. For money loaned £. 24 0 0 specie. For rent of confiscated property £. 110 13 1 specie. For militia fines £. 118 13 3 specie. From the treasurer of the eastern shore £. 2633 2 9 1/2 specie. From William Marbury, for a balance due from him on the auditor's books, £. 3635 12 4 specie. From Valentine Brother, per account settled by and filed with the auditor, £. 2293 13 9 1/2 specie. From Thomas Miles and Daniel Grant, for the state's cost of suit in the chancery court, £. 1 5 0 specie. From doctor John Parnham, for interest on a judgment assigned