

Mr. Frey delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying for a law to open and lay out a road to commence at the south end of Webster's Long Lane, thence through the lands of William Wilson and the Rev. John Allen by William Patterson's, to the Baltimore and Philadelphia road at Duncan's shop; which was read and referred to Messrs. Frey, Sewell and Thomas.

Mr. Showers delivers a memorial from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying a separation thereof from the precincts of the city of Baltimore, and to be erected into a separate and distinct county independent of the city of Baltimore; which was read and referred to the committee appointed on memorials of a similar nature.

Mr. Roberts delivers a bill, entitled, An act to open, straighten and amend, the public road leading from Church-Hill to Sudler's Cross Roads in Queen-Anne's county; which was read.

Mr. Kell delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make the several turnpike roads therein mentioned; which was read.

Mr. Whittington delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorise a lottery or lotteries to raise a sum of money for the purpose of repairing and raising a fund for the use of Washington College; which was read.

Mr. Handy delivers a petition from Eli Tarr, of Worcester county, praying that the levy court of said county may be authorised to levy a sum of money for his support; which was read and referred to Messrs. Handy, Selby and J. Mitchell.

Mr. Driver delivers a petition from Robert Cook, of Kent county in the state of Delaware, and William Chilton, of Caroline county in the state of Maryland, praying that a law may pass authorising a conveyance from the said Cooke to the said Chilton of certain land in Caroline county in which the said Cooke has a life estate and which descends to his daughter Mary Cooke; which was read and referred to Messrs. Driver, Houston and Lecompte.

On motion by Mr. R. Watts, Ordered, That the bill, entitled, An act to regulate justices and constables fees in criminal process in the several counties herein after named, be recommitted for amendment, and that the committee be enlarged by the addition of Messrs. Blakistone and Bowles.

The house according to the order of the day proceeded to the second reading of the bill, entitled, An act to provide for the appointment of an agent to settle the claims of this state with the government of the United States. Mr. Bowles moved to strike out after the word "appoint" in the first section of the bill the remainder of the section, and to insert the following in lieu thereof: "An agent under their direction to liquidate and settle with the general government the necessary expenditures which have been incurred by this state in providing for the common defence during the late war, and to pay to him such sum as they shall deem reasonable and just for his services"

On motion by Mr. Bowles the amendment proposed by him was withdrawn.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, the question was put, That the words "the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised, empowered and requested, to appoint some person of integrity, judgment and skill in accounts, to." be stricken out of the first section of the bill? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Stoddert, the words "on or before the same day in every year" in the second and third lines of the fourth section were stricken out and the words "every six months" inserted in lieu thereof.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, the question was put, That the house strike out from the word "shall" in the 3d line of the 5th section to the word "take" in the 7th line of the same section? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, the words "a certificate of which oath shall be annexed to or endorsed on the said bond" were stricken out of the fifth section.

On motion by Mr. Dennis, the question was put, That the house strike out from the word "appoint" in the 3d line of the 1st section to the end of the bill, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "An agent under their direction to liquidate and settle with the general government the necessary expenditures which have been incurred by this state in providing for the common defence during the late war?" Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Potts, the question was put, That the following be received as an additional section to the bill: "And be it enacted, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised to receive payment of the said debts in such securities, public stock, or current money, as may be agreed upon by the said agent, under the direction of the governor and council as aforesaid." Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill being read throughout and amended, the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Potts from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of John J. Jacobs, an old revolutionary officer, praying an additional compensation to the sum already allowed him, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into their consideration, they think the prayer reasonable, and therefore beg leave to submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to pay to John J. Jacobs, an officer of the Maryland line in the revolutionary war, such sum of money in addition to what he now receives under a resolution passed November session 1811, as will make his pension amount to a sum equal to the half pay of a first lieutenant, during life, in quarterly payments.

By order,

S. FOUNTAIN, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Thomas delivers a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and make public a road in Cecil county; which was read.

Mr. Ridgely delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Hoyer and Mary Hoyer of Cumberland, Allegany county, which was read.

The bill to increase the allowance to sheriffs for keeping prisoners in jail and finding them victuals in the several counties therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the register in chancery relative to the number of suits and the dates of their institution in the chancery court as required by an order of this house; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Stoddert, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act, entitled, An act to fix and establish the pay of the adjutant general and brigade inspectors. Ordered, That Messrs. Stoddert, Banning and Hambleton, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.