

are already very heavily oppressed with taxes. They therefore beg leave to recommend that the further consideration of said petition be referred to the next general assembly. Notwithstanding your committee are of opinion, that a bridge ought, at some future time, to be erected at the place above mentioned, at the expence of the county, but your committee have given their reasons above, why it should not be erected at this time. All which is submitted.

By order,

J. IRELAND, Jun. Clk.

Which was read and concurred with.

Mr. Boyle delivers the following report:

The committee of elections and privileges, to whom was referred the memorial of the judges of election of Calvert county, Report—That in the petition of Messrs. Kent and Beckett, there is made a general allegation that the election was conducted by some of the judges, in some of the districts, with the most direct and palpable prejudice against the memorialists, and adduces one instance as a specification of such imputed improper conduct, stating that a person who had voted for the sitting members, after he had voted, came again to the judges, and stated he had not given them, when he voted, the paper which he had prepared and intended to be his ballot, and therefore asked permission to vote a second time, on which representation, the judges received a second ballot from this voter; when the tickets were counted, it was ascertained that this man had made a false representation, and that he had voted two tickets for the returned delegates.

The judges, in their memorial, have stated the facts which occurred on that occasion more fully. According to their statement, the voter, (whose name was James Harrison,) after voting the first time, appeared and claimed a right to vote, saying that he had by mistake put into the ballot box a paper containing a statement of the polls of the previous year. He was required to swear to this statement, which he did to the best of his knowledge and belief. His ticket was then taken, marked, and deposited in the box, with an understanding, if a paper was found in the box containing such a statement, then the ballot thus marked should be counted. The judges further state in their memorial, that upon reflection they determined to cancel the said ticket at all events when the box should be opened. The ticket was found, and delivered unopened to Daniel Kent, esq. and no such statement was found in the ballot box.

This presentation of facts, as to this specification, the committee are induced to believe was true, as it is admitted to be so by Mr. Kent, one of the memorialists.

There have been no witnesses examined before the committee to prove or disprove the general charge of improper conduct, or the specification. At an early stage of the inquiry into the legality of this election, this committee were under an impression, that no examination could take place before them which would have a tendency to vacate the entire return, as the house had decided that Gustavus Weems, esq. the highest of the returned members, was legally elected. This determination precluded any inquiry which evidently might terminate in an entire vacation of the poll. Consequently the witnesses summoned with a view to prove that the conduct of the judges had been illegal, had been discharged, and many of them had left the seat of government when the memorial of the judges was presented.

Upon the specified facts contained in the memorial of Messrs. Kent and Beckett, and the statement made by the judges in their memorial, the committee are of opinion that the conduct of the judges in receiving a second ballot from Harrison, and marking the same, is against the intention and spirit of the law, and system of balloting.

The committee ask leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of the judges of the Calvert election.

By order,

J. IRELAND, Jr. Clk.

Which was read

Mr. Marriott presents a petition from Richard Loockerman, of the city of Annapolis, praying to be compensated for services rendered while auditor; which was read and referred to Messrs. Marriott, Forrest and Maulsby.

On motion by Mr. Forrest, the following resolution was read:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed, to pay to Benjamin Greentree, of Montgomery county, or his order, in quarterly payments, during his life, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a private, in consideration of his revolutionary services.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act providing for an uniform rule of evidence to be applied by the judges of election in deciding on questions relating to the qualifications of voters. Ordered, That Messrs. Dorsey, Stonestreet, Montgomery, Harrison and Lecompte, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Dennis, the question was put, That the bill to regulate fisheries in the river Potomac, have a second reading on Thursday fortnight? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Forrest, Ordered, That the same have a second reading on Thursday next.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill authorising William Robinson to remove his negroes from the state of Virginia into this state; the bill for the benefit of Ann Hows of Prince-George's county; the bill for the relief of Rosanna Scott; the bill for the benefit of Mary Franklin; the bill for the relief of William Acton and Richard Bateman; the bill for the relief of William Morgan, his wife, and two children; the bill for the benefit of Henry Straughan; the bill supplementary to the act for the support of Evan Price; the bill for the benefit of Sarah Richards, of Montgomery county; the bill for the benefit of Joseph Robinson, of Calvert county; the bill empowering the levy court of Saint Mary's county to assess and levy a sum of money for the support and maintenance of Ann Tippet, of said county; the bill for the relief of Richard Dove and Eleanor his wife; the bill for the support of John Everly, of Montgomery county; the bill for the benefit of John Cowarden, of Kent county; the bill for the relief of Sarah Neale; the bill for the relief of Ann Benson and Ally Buckler, the bill for the relief of Mary Dean, of St. Mary's county; the bill for the benefit of John W. S. Boyer; the bill for the benefit of Samuel Alexander; the bill for the benefit of Elizabeth Drury; the bill for the benefit of Joseph Leary and Julia his daughter; the bill authorising the levy court of St. Mary's county to levy a sum of money for the benefit of Catherine Brewer; the bill for the relief of Richard Odle; the bill for the relief of Andrew Raburgh, of Queen-Anne's county; the bill authorising special courts of oyer and terminer; the bill to enable Frisby Hen-

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