

against Judge Shriver, and as this may be of equal interest to your body, we invite your attendance during the investigation in this branch.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clk.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from the honorable Abraham Shriver stating that he is ready for his trial, and praying the privilege of being heard by Frederick A. Schley and Thomas Kell, Esquires, his attorneys; which was read.

The bill for the relief of William A. Schoolfield, relating to certain lands therein mentioned; the bill to make valid a lease therein mentioned; the supplement to the act entitled, An act to authorize 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, and the bill to authorize a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of paving the streets in Bell Air, in Harford county, were read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr Orrick, ORDERED, That the report in favor of Henry M. Murray be withdrawn for amendment.

On motion by Mr Marriott, ORDERED, That Judge Shriver and his counsel be permitted to attend this house to day agreeably to his request, and that the speaker assign convenient seats to them.

On motion by Mr Jenifer the following order was read:

ORDERED, That on the part of this house to examine the witnesses summoned, on the investigation of Judge Shriver's conduct at the bar of the house. On motion by Mr Norris, the question was put, That the same be rejected? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr John S. Spence presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Worcester county, praying for a wharf at New Town on Pocomoke river; read and referred to Messrs J. S. Spence, Dennis and Riky.

Mr Forwood presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying that fish pots on the river Susquehannah shall be labelled with the owner's name; read and referred to Messrs Forwood, Norris and Allen.

Mr Williams presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, remonstrating against an ordinance of the corporation of the city of Baltimore, relative to a fish house; read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr Meconekin presents a petition from James Beacham and wife, of Queen Ann's county, praying for a division of the estate of the heirs of John Barnes, and the devisees of John Meconekin; read and referred to Messrs Meconekin, Stevens and Nicholson.

On motion by Mr Bowles, Leave given to bring in a bill entitled, A supplement to an act entitled an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the market space in Hager's town to the west bank of Conococheague. Ordered, That Messrs Bowles, Kershner and Gabby report the same. Mr Bowles reports said bill; which was read the first and second time by special order passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr Allen, Leave given to bring in a bill entitled, An act to appoint an additional fish inspector in the city of Baltimore. Ordered, That Messrs Allen, Craig and Kennedy report the same.

Mr Allen presents a petition from George St. Clair, praying for remuneration for services rendered during the last war; which was read and referred to Messrs Allen, Norris and Whiteford.

Mr Forwood presents a petition from John Kean, late sheriff of Harford county, praying to be remunerated for certain fines paid by him for a prisoner who made her escape; read and referred to Messrs Forwood, Whiteford and Norris.

Mr Kennedy delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the governor's message as related to internal improvements, respectfully beg leave to submit the following report:

Your committee cannot but feel a deep conviction of the importance of the subject which has been submitted to their consideration, when they look over the vast field it presents to view, and reflect upon the intimate connection it has with the prosperity of the commonwealth. To improve the internal resources of a nation has always been considered, by the wisest statesmen, the sure method of promoting its strength and happiness, and has accordingly enlisted the zeal of the most enlightened patriots of every age. It is rousing into active life the dormant energies of the giving spirit to the enterprise of the citizen, turning to a more profitable account the labors of his handry, creating new fibres in the body of the republic, infusing into it a more wholesome circulation, and in its effects "almost annihilating space;" thus by bringing neighbor states into close proximity, equalizing their mutual advantages and restoring the balance which the political dispensations of providence may have rendered necessary to the wants and the weakness of the less favored.

To a young state these improvements are vitally interesting. A spare population becomes vigorous with all the faculties which render a more numerous one efficient and useful. Invention and skill supply the force of numbers, and the same advantages are afforded on a large scale, which result from the application of all kinds of labor saving machinery to the details of industry; thus facilitating the work of civilization and refinement, and giving to the tardy gait of years the strides of centuries.

To the state of Maryland this subject is presented with the most imposing pretensions. Situated in the very bosom of our great confederacy, she stands equally open to the commerce of the north and the south, and from her fortunate proximity to the most important points on the western waters possessing a control over the products of that region which no rivalry can wrest from her enjoy-

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