

in mentioned, and to purchase other lands; and the supplement to the act, entitled, An act for building a bridge over Antietam creek, in Washington county, severally endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendment," which were read, assented to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Estep delivers the following report:

The committee of claims, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Armstrong of the city of Baltimore, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That the treasurer of the western shore, be and he is hereby authorised, to pay to Thomas Armstrong, or his order, on his surrendering up to the executive of Maryland such muskets as he has in his possession, belonging either to the states of Maryland or Virginia, twenty dollars, being the amount of rent due to said Armstrong, for the use of some houses occupied by troops stationed for the defence of the city of Baltimore in the years 1813 and 1814.

Which was read.

By order,

S. S. HODGKIN, Clk.

Mr. Millard reports a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco; which was read.

Mr. Carroll presents a petition from Sarah Nicholson, of the city of Annapolis, praying for support; read and referred to the committee appointed on similar petitions.

On motion by Mr. Thomas Kennedy, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to quiet possessions, and prevent suits at law, passed at December session 1818, chapter 90. Ordered, That Messrs. Thomas Kennedy, Keller and Drury, report the same.

Mr. Dennis presents a petition of Isaac Harris, of John, praying to be permitted to keep up certain gates on a road therein mentioned in Somerset county; read and referred to Messrs. Dennis, Teackle and Jones.

Mr. Howard present petitions from inhabitants of Anne-Arundel, Baltimore, Frederick and Montgomery counties, praying for a tax on dogs; read and referred to Messrs. Howard, Orrick, Thomas, Williams and Keller.

Mr. Estep presents a petition from Gassaway Pindell and Joseph Allen, of Anne-Arundel county, praying a fine may be imposed on persons fixing their float or gill nets within their scinsl read and referred to Messrs. Estep, Howard, Semmes, Millard and Linthicum.

The bill for the benefit of the commissioners of the tax for Baltimore county; and the bill for the relief of Levin Sturgess, of Worcester county, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

*Ordered*, That the bill authorising a lottery to build a steeple to, and affix a bell in the church in Westminster in Frederick county, have a second reading on the 27th instant.

The supplement to an act, entitled, An act incorporating into one the several acts relating to constables fees, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

*Ordered*, That the bill to pay the civil list, have a second reading on the 1st February.

*Ordered*, That the bill giving jurisdiction to justices of the peace in trespasses for killing, wounding, or otherwise injuring horses, black cattle, hogs and sheep, be recommitted.

Mr. Kilgour reports a bill, entitled, An act organizing and establishing district equity courts, as amended; which was read and ordered to have a second reading on the 30th instant.

The bill to repeal an act to alter, change and repeal, such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state; as relate to the division of Saint-Mary's county in four election districts, was read the second time,

On motion by Mr. Maddox, the question was put, That the following words be stricken out? "And the additional districts shall be taken and laid off from the fourth election district as they are now numbered." Determined in the negative.

The question was put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hughes, the following order was read and assented to:

*Whereas*, a faithful return of the whole number of persons liable to militia duty in the state, is not only desirable for the well governing of the same, but at present the interest of the state, is especially to be subserved by government being in possession of entire returns, inasmuch as the quota of arms to be received from the general government, under the act of congress for arming the whole body of the militia of the United States, will materially depend upon the said return being complete; therefore, *Ordered*, That so much of the governor's message of the 9th December, as relates to the militia returns of this state, be referred to the committee heretofore appointed upon the subject of the militia of the state, with instructions to enquire and report to this house whether any, and if any what further legislative provisions are necessary to insure a speedy and full return of the whole body of militia thereof.

On motion by Mr. Millard, the following order was read:

*Ordered*, That a door-keeper be appointed to keep order in the gallery, and that he be allowed for his services one dollar per day.

On motion by Mr. Norris the same was referred to the next general assembly.

*Ordered*, That the supplement to the act, entitled, An act to prevent the unlawful exportation of negroes and mulattoes, and to alter and amend the laws concerning runaways, have a second reading on the 29th instant.

Mr. Howard presents a petition from Mary Wood, widow of John Wood, praying she may have a right of dower in certain lands to which her husband had an equitable interest; read and referred to Messrs. Howard, Estep and Linthicum.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the unfavourable report of the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.