

for the purpose of transacting local business. Mr. Wootton moved to strike out "six," for the purpose of inserting "four." Resolved in the affirmative. The question was then put, that the house assent to the same. Determined in the negative.

Mr. W. Stewart presents a petition from Walter Crook and others, praying for the further widening and extending of Pratt street; referred to Messrs W. Stewart, W. G. D. Worthington and Johnson.

Mr. J. T. H. Worthington presents a petition from Joshua Ford and others, praying for the confirmation of a deed; referred to Messrs J. T. H. Worthington, Johnson and W. G. D. Worthington.

Mr. Semmes presents a petition from Elizabeth and Ann Wood, praying for support; referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

The house according to the order of the day proceeded to the second reading of the bill to incorporate the Chesapeake and Ohio canal company, after some progress therein, the house adjourns until 4 o'clock, P. M.

4 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The house met.

On motion by Mr. W. G. D. Worthington, ordered, that the bill relative to the Baltimore canal, have a second reading on Friday next.

The bill for the relief of Patrick Blue, was read the second time. On motion by Mr. Kilgour, the question was put; that the same be referred to the 1st June next. Determined in the negative. On motion by Mr. M'Mahon, the same was recomitted.

Mr Merrick delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition in behalf of Henry Schroeder, of Washington county, have had the same under consideration, and after an examination of the merits of the case, are of opinion that had the proper remedy been pursued against Henry Schryock and his securities at the proper time, the balance due to the state might have been recovered without loss to the said Henry Schroeder. That it does not appear that the said Henry Schroeder had notice of the delinquency of Henry Schryock, until nearly thirty years had elapsed. That the said Henry Schryock and John Lee who was the other security, were both men of property at the time and for some years after Henry Schryock became indebted to the state, that they have both been long since dead and insolvent, and that the loss is attributable to the negligence of the state authorities, and that it would be hard, cruel and unjust at this late period to exact the sum which stands on the treasury books charged to the said Henry Schryock as collector in the year 1792, from his innocent, aged and impoverished security. Your committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That Henry Schroeder of Washington county, be, and he is hereby forever released, acquitted and exonerated from the payment of the sum of fifty pounds, three shillings and six pence with interest thereon from the year 1792, heretofore claimed of him as security for Henry Schryock, formerly sheriff and collector of said county.

By order,

JOHN DOUGLAS, CLK.

Mr. Wm. Stewart presents a petition from the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, relative to wood corders and the public wharf on Pratt street; referred to Messrs. W. Stewart, J. T. H. Worthington and Ely.

Mr. Johnson presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, counter to the petition praying for a change in the ninth election district in said county; referred to the committee to which the petition is counter was referred.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 22, 1824.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Chesley reports a bill entitled, an act to incorporate the Maryland Agricultural Society.

Mr. Sewell presents a petition from Benjamin G. Jones, late sheriff of Harford county, praying indulgence on a debt due by him to the state, and that two disinterested persons may be appointed to examine his account against the state; referred to Messrs Sewell, Whiteford and Steel.

Mr. W. G. D. Worthington reports a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of the First Independent Church of Baltimore; and presents a memorial of sundry merchants of Baltimore, respecting the rates of pilotage; referred to Messrs W. G. D. Worthington, Johnson and W. Stewart.

Mr. W. Duvall obtained leave to bring in a bill entitled, an act to repeal an act passed December session, 1815, chapter 161 for the benefit of the infant children of Jeremiah Crabbe, late of Montgomery county. Ordered, that Messrs. W. Duvall, Peter and Williams report the same.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the question was put, that the same be referred to a committee of five. Determined in the negative.

Mr. E. B. Duvall reports a bill entitled, an act for the relief of John Hinton, of Prince Georges county.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio canal company. On motion by Mr. M'Henry, the question was put that the following be inserted after the words "and such of the said subscribers, to wit:" "Whose subscriptions shall not have been payed and discharged in the certificates of stock of the Potomac Company, or