

the constitution of the United States; and a letter from the governor of New-York, enclosing a resolution on the subject matter of amendments to the constitution of the United States; which were read.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Z. Forrest, Mr. W. Tilghman, Mr. J. G. Worthington, Mr. Somervell, Mr. Parnham, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Winder, Mr. Steele, Mr. Bond, Mr. Clark, Mr. Quynn, Mr. Seney, Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Emory, Mr. M'Henry, Mr. Stull and Mr. Oneale, be a committee to consider and report on the proposed amendments to be added to the constitution of the United States.

On motion, ORDERED, That the letter from his excellency the governor of New-York, with the resolution of the legislature of the same state, on the subject of amendments to the constitution of the United States, be referred to the above committee.

Mr. John Gale, a delegate returned for Somerset county, and Mr. Thomas Mason, a delegate returned for Caroline county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took their seats in the house.

The house proceeded to ballot for a committee of claims, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike, after some time reported, that Mr. M. Tilghman, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Banckes, Mr. Faw, Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. Mr. Sterett and Mr. B. Worthington, were elected. ORDERED, That they have power to send for persons, papers and records.

A petition from William Robertson, collector of the sinking fund for Montgomery county, praying a further time to complete his collection, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Sterett, Mr. B. Worthington and Mr. Oneale, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore and Frederick counties, praying an act may pass for laying out and clearing a road, sufficiently wide for waggons to pass and repairs, to begin at or near Christian Bower's mill, on Big Pipe Creek, as commissioners to be appointed may find most convenient to the inhabitants in general, and then to be continued, as nearly streight as the ground will admit, to Ox Mills, on Patapsco Falls, and from thence, by the nearest and best way, to the great road leading through and from Westminster-town to Baltimore-town; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Owings, Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. Mr. Shriver and Mr. Ridgely, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying an act may pass to lay out a road from Frederick-town, through Emmitsburgh, in the county aforesaid, to intersect the road to Carlisle, in Pennsylvania, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Faw, Mr. Shryock, Mr. Lynn, Mr. Somervell and Mr. Ott, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Caroline county, respecting the erecting a court-house and other public buildings at a place called Choptank Bridge, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. W. Tilghman, Mr. Faw, Mr. Seney, Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Oneale, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from the commissioners for the erection of public buildings in Cæcil county, praying a further sum to be levied to complete the same, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Bond, Mr. M. Tilghman and Mr. Carroll, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house two letters from his excellency the governor, of the 8th instant, one respecting the agents of the state, the other enclosing a letter from Alexander Hamilton, of the 26th September last, with two resolutions of congress of the 21st of the same month; two letters from the auditor-general, of the 16th and 26th of March, in favour of Mr. John White, as agent for settling the accounts of this state with the United States; a letter from Mr. Joseph Howell, paymaster-general, of the 23d of February; a letter from Mr. John White, commissioner for the state, of the 23d of March; two papers containing the statement made by the direction of the general assembly to the attorney-general, respecting the lands patented or taken up westward of Fort Cumberland, and his answer to the queries that arise on that subject; and a letter from the president of the United States, enclosing a proclamation for public thanksgiving the 26th of this instant; which were read.

Mr. Ridgely has leave of absence.

A petition from Dr. Charles Worthington, of George-town, in Montgomery county, stating, that he intermarried with a certain Miss Booth, of the commonwealth of Virginia, who has a considerable property in negro slaves, which, by the laws of this state, he is prevented from removing to this state, and praying an act may pass empowering him to remove the same; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Parnham, Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Quynn and Mr. W. Tilghman, to consider and report thereon.

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

T U E S D A Y, November 10, 1789.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. George Digges, a delegate returned for Prince-George's county, Mr. Thomas Gantt, a delegate returned for Calvert county, and Mr. James Tilghman, a delegate returned for Queen-Anne's county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took their seats in the house.