

one hundred and fifty pounds, for the purpose of erecting a safe and substantial bridge over the eastern branch, near the town of Bladensburg. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDR, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Samuel Groome Osborn, of Harford county, stating that he lost or mislaid a certificate which he received of Ignatius Wheeler for taxes, and praying the treasurer may be directed to credit his account for the amount of said certificate, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Francis Clements.

Mr. Matthews has leave of absence.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, November 25, 1789.

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

A petition from Peter Lawson and John D. Thomson, stating that he, and the father of John D. Thompson, became securities for John Ward Veazey for the collection of the state tax for the year 1786; that between two and three thousand pounds of said tax are still due the state; that the said Veazey refuses to shew them his books, or give them any kind of indemnification; and praying an act may pass to enable the said Lawson to take the books respecting the tax aforesaid, and to complete the collections, and that a further time of payment may be allowed them; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Winder, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Martin Kephart, late a soldier in the Maryland line, praying the depreciation of his pay, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Oldham and Mr. Clark, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Joseph Sim Smith, of Frederick county, stating that he acted as surgeon's mate in the Maryland line until he was honoured with an appointment of cornet in the partisan legion, where he continued till the end of the war, and praying to be allowed the same bounty of land as the officers of the Maryland line were entitled to, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Shriver, Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Crabb, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Sterett appeared in the house.

Mr. W. Tilghman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the removal of the seat of justice from Melvill's warehouse to Choptank Bridge, in Caroline county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to ratify certain articles in addition to, and amendment of, the constitution of the United States of America, proposed by congress to the legislatures of the several states, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. W. Tilghman.

On the second reading the bill for the preservation of the breed of wild deer, and for other purposes therein mentioned, the question was put, That the following clause be struck out? "And be it enacted, That if any person or persons shall presume to hunt with dog or gun, on any wood-land the property of any other person or persons, contrary to the prohibition of the owner or owners of such wood-land, which prohibition shall be expressed by advertisements set up four weeks before such hunting as aforesaid at the court-house door of the county, and at the church of the parish, where such land lies, forewarning all persons from hunting as aforesaid on his, her or their lands, such person or persons shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay to the party grieved the sum of thirty shillings, to be recovered before a single magistrate in the same manner as small debts now are recoverable, any law, statute or usage, to the contrary notwithstanding." Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative. Sent to the senate by Mr. Gale.

Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Francis Baker, of Harford county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find that notice was given, agreeably to the rule of this house, of his intention to apply to the legislature, at the present session, to pass an act of insolvency. Your committee are of opinion a law ought to pass in his favour in the usual manner. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Winder, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of James Boggs, of Cecil county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find by two letters, one by James Ross to the late chancellor, and the other from George Ross, Esquire, brothers, and the sons of Mrs. McNabb, the late Mrs. Ross, of the state of Pennsylvania, that they claim the lot sold by this state to the said Boggs, mentioned in the petition, lying in Charles-town, in Cecil county aforesaid, No. 26, as heirs at law to their mother. Your committee are of opinion the execution issued against the said Boggs on his bond in the treasury for said lot, returnable to September term, 1786, be set aside, he the said Boggs paying the costs thereon, and that no further process issue on his said bond until the meeting of the next session of the general assembly, that the said Ross's may shew their title, if any, to the said lot. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.