

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1790.

gates returned for Cæcil 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.

A petition from Elizabeth Hopewell, of Saint-Mary's county, praying an act may pass empowering her to dispose of certain lands devised to her and her son (a minor) by a certain Luke Heard, for the purpose of paying his debts, and purchasing other lands, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Carroll, Mr. P. Bond, and Mr. J. Worthington, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Dennis Griffith, of Anne-Arundel county, praying to be discharged by law from debts that he is unable to pay, was preferred; read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from Conilant Disharoon, of Somerset county, stating that he had a negro man killed by the fall of a tree while in the service of the overseer of the highway, and praying relief, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Mackall, Mr. N. Worthington, and Mr. Carroll, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of fundry inhabitants of the town of Easton, and other inhabitants of Talbot county, beg leave to report, that they have examined the allegations therein contained, and find them true, and are of opinion that the prayer of said petition ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

T. PURDY, clk.

By-order,

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Kerr, Mr. Hughes, and Mr. Harwood, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Hyland Price, a languishing prisoner in Cæcil county gaol, praying an act may pass to release him from debts which he is unable to pay, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from Nicholas Merriman, of Baltimore county, stating that he was appointed, in the year 1774, one of the supervisors of the public roads of Baltimore county, and that, by mistake, he had paid into the treasury the sum of £. 20 16 3 sterling more than he had received, and praying to have the said sum returned to him; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Gough, Mr. Owings, and Mr. J. Worthington, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Thomas Yates, of Baltimore county, praying to be discharged by law from debts which he is unable to pay, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

On motion, ORDERED, That the clerk to this house furnish the printer of the state twice in each week, during this session, with a correct copy of the votes and proceedings, in order to expedite the publication thereof.

Mr. Kerr, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill; entitled, An act to establish a market at Easton, in Talbot county, and for the regulation of the said market; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, ORDERED, That the treasurer of the western shore lay before the house a list of the bonds taken for the property sold for the redemption of certificates issued by this state, and that he distinguish therein bonds taken in virtue of the act of last session of assembly.

That the treasurer lay before the house a list of the bonds taken for confiscated property sold, which, in the opinion of the general court, the interest arising thereon may be discharged in certificates; also a list of the purchasers of confiscated property not bonded, and which remains to be paid for.

That the treasurer lay before the house the amount of the certificates now in circulation, distinguishing the different kinds of certificates.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

### M O N D A Y, November 8, 1790.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read, Mr. Philip Key, a delegate returned for Saint-Mary's county, Mr. Thomas Beall, of Samuel, a delegate returned for Allegany county, Mr. William Tilghman, a delegate returned for Kent county, Mr. Samuel Smith, a delegate returned for Baltimore-town, Mr. Henry Downes, a delegate returned for Caroline county, and Mr. John Seney, 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.

A petition from James Roach, of Cæcil county, praying an act may pass empowering John Nevil, guardian to the children of Josiah Richardson, deceased, to convey to him part of a tract of land purchased by the said Richardson and himself, and patented to the said Richardson, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. R. Bond, Mr. Hollingsworth, and Mr. Seney, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Thomas Russell, of Cæcil county, respecting certain lands purchased by Joseph Guffey, in behalf of himself and his brother William Guffey, of the late intendant of the revenue, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of James Roach.

\* A petition