

A petition from William Gillis, of Somerset county, praying an act may pass to discharge him from debts which he is unable to pay, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Hugh Sherwood, a delegate returned for Talbot 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 his seat in the house.

The bill to establish a market at Easton, in Talbot county, and for the regulation of the said market, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. John Hoskin Stone, a delegate returned for Charles 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 his seat in the house.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to make valid certain certificates of survey of lands formerly in Washington county but now in Allegany county. ORDERED, That Mr. J. Worthington, Mr. Duvall, and Mr. Cresap, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor of Dorchester and Somerset counties. ORDERED, That Mr. Jones, Mr. Duvall, and Mr. Winder, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Hercules Courtenay, of Baltimore county, stating, that he has intermarried with Mary Drury, sister of his former wife, which is prohibited by a law of this state, and praying to be released from all penalties and disabilities that may arise from the said marriage, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Smith, Mr. Craik, Mr. M'Mechen, and Mr. Tilghman, to consider and report hereon.

A petition from Quayle Charles Christian, of Talbot county, praying an act may pass to discharge him 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, Leave given to bring in a supplement to an act, entitled, An act to punish blasphemers, swearers, drunkards and sabbath-breakers, and for repealing the laws heretofore made for the punishing such offenders. ORDERED, That Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Downes, and Mr. Key, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Peter Chaille, Mr. Thomas Martin, and Mr. John Holland, delegates returned for Worcester 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.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to facilitate the draining of land in the several counties therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Murray, Mr. Downes, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Lecompte, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. John Parnham, a delegate returned for Charles county, and Mr. Fielder Bowie, a delegate returned for Prince-George'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.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the better administration of justice in the several counties within this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Craik, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Duvall, Mr. Key, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Stone, and Mr. Ridgely, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Smith Middleton, of Charles county, praying an act may pass to discharge him from debts which he is unable to pay, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

The house adjourns till 5 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met. Mr. Edward Harris, 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 his seat in the house.

John Henry, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 8, 1790.

GENTLEMEN,

THE senate having a sufficient number of members to compose a house, inform the delegates that they are ready to proceed to the business of the session, and the election of a governor, and have appointed William Perry and Richard Ridgely, Esquires, to examine the ballot boxes. The honourable John Eager Howard, Esquire, is proposed by this house.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, jun. clk.

Which was read the first and second time. ORDERED, That Mr. Tilghman, Mr. M'Mechen, and Mr. J. Worthington, be a committee to prepare an answer to the said message.

Mr. M'Mechen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 8, 1790.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE are ready to proceed to the choice of a governor, and have appointed Mr. Carnan, Mr. Ringgold, and Mr. Smith, to examine the ballot boxes in conjunction with the gentlemen named by