

A petition from Eleanor Bowles, of Washington county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

The bill to prevent the going at large of swine and geese at Choptank Bridge, in Caroline county, was read the second time and passed.

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 the vestry and other inhabitants of Saint-James's parish, in Baltimore county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true, and are of opinion that this state ought to relinquish its right, and confirm in the vestry of said parish, and their successors, the fee-simple in the said land.

By order,

A. GOLDBER, clk.

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

The bill to enable the justices of Saint-Mary's county court to assess a sum of money on the said county for the support of James Mills, son of John, of the said county, was read the second time and passed.

A petition from Matthias Miles, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ratcliff, Mr. Waggoner and Mr. Lowes, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Jeremiah Baker, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from the members of the Presbyterian congregation of West Nottingham, in Cecil county, praying an act to confirm their title to the lot of land adjoining their church, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. S. Smith, Mr. Oldham, Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Duvall and Mr. Pinkney, to consider and report thereon.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Craik.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 14, 1791.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE propose to proceed to the election of a governor at one o'clock, and have appointed Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Goldborough, Mr. M'Mechen and Mr. Clagett, to join the members appointed by your house to examine the ballot boxes. George Plater, Esquire, is put in nomination by this house.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

A petition from William Beatty, praying compensation for services rendered to the state by his son, who was killed in the continental service, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Turner and Mr. Thomas, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from William Davis, of Baltimore county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Carroll, Mr. M'Mechen and Mr. Key, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Alexander Lawson, of Baltimore county, praying that he may be allowed a claim against Robert Christie's confiscated estate, arising for fees put into his hands, when sheriff, for collection, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. S. Smith and Mr. Cockey, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Peter Hunter, of Baltimore county, beg leave to report, that the petitioner's claim against the Nottingham Company, to the amount of two hundred and thirty-six pounds eighteen shillings and two-pence principal, has not been established, by any vouchers produced, to the entire satisfaction of the committee. That the said claim has been heretofore submitted to the consideration of the auditor-general, and by him postponed, on account of evidence being wanting that the debts due the company were insufficient to pay those against them, and also for want of vouchers to establish a part of the claim itself. That the claim is of very considerable standing, commencing in the year 1767, and ending in 1773, and that there are probably credits against it not stated by the petitioner in his account, but mentioned in general in the probate of it. The committee, under the circumstances of this case, are of opinion that the petitioner should have an opportunity of establishing his claim before the auditor-general, and of obtaining an allowance of his principal sum, if that officer should be satisfied it is justly due, as on account of the petitioner's residence he has not hitherto had a fair opportunity of obtaining such allowance. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of James Carvin, report, that the facts stated in said petition appear to be true, and are of opinion that the auditor-general should be authorized to settle the account of the said James Carvin, late a soldier in the fourth Maryland regiment, in the same manner as he would have done if the application of the said Carvin had been made in time.

By order,

A. GOLDBER, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

Mr. Pinkney, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to revive and aid the proceedings of Harford county court, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition