

competent tribunal to grant relief in this case, and that therefore the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Sarah Merriweather, of Anne-Arundel county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the subject of said petition under their consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable, and ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

C. WAYMAN, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Key, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act concerning recording wills relating to real estates, and marriage licences; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Winchester, seconded by Mr. Ridgely, of William, the question was put, That the said bill be referred to the next session of assembly? Resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 27, 1794.

GENTLEMEN,

THE referring to unlimited negotiation the claim of this state to its bank stock, now depending in the court of chancery of England, appears to us a measure of great importance, and eventually may deprive the state of a very large portion of this stock. In our view of this matter, we would rather wish that the chancellor of England should be urged to decide the point of jurisdiction, than that this cause, after so much delay and expence, should be taken out of that court, and made a subject of diplomatic negotiation, by which claims against the state may be acknowledged, which in a court of equity would be inadmissible. In order, therefore, to obtain a free and candid interchange of sentiments upon this interesting subject, we propose a conference with your house, and have appointed Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Robert Smith and John Campbell, Esquires, a committee on the part of the senate.

By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

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

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

F R I D A Y, November 28, 1794.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. David Lockett, a delegate returned for Montgomery 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. Mr. W. Clarke has leave of absence. Mr. Ford is excused for absenting himself without leave.

On motion by Mr. Wootton, seconded by Mr. Craig, RESOLVED, That the depositions of any witnesses, taken before a magistrate of the county where such witnesses respectively reside, shall be received as testimony before the house on hearing of the petition of Edward Norwood, of Baltimore county.

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

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, praying an act may pass to revive the law of Stepney Parish for appointing vestrymen and churchwardens, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Lockett, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Dennis, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Benjamin Cawood, late collector of Charles county, praying he may be allowed a credit on his bond to the state for the loss he has sustained by paying state money to the state at three for one, and that the auditor may be authorized to adjust his claim, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Oneale, Mr. M'Pherson, Mr. Digges, Mr. Key and Mr. Dennis, to consider and report thereon.

A remonstrance from Thomas Gift, of Baltimore county, counter to the petition of Thomas Owings, and others, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on the petition of Thomas Owings, and others.

Mr. Sprigg, from the committee of elections and privileges, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee of elections and privileges further report, that it appears to them, by the return of the sheriff of Montgomery county, that at an election held in said county for one member, in obedience to a warrant from the speaker of the house of delegates, David Lockett was duly elected and returned.

By order,

C. WAYMAN, clk.

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

The report on the petition of Benjamin Griffith, was read the second time and concurred with.

On motion by Mr. Quynn, seconded by Mr. Key, ORDERED, That Mr. Key, Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Winchester, Mr. Gale, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Gordon and Mr. Dennis, be a committee to take into