

A petition from Edward Dennis, late a soldier in the third Maryland regiment, praying compensation for his services, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Chapman, Mr. Hopewell and Mr. Broome, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Worcester county, praying an act may pass for laying out a road to Winnant's Landing, beginning at the county road which leads from Snow Hill to the upper end of the county, thence running on the line which divides the lands now possessed by colonel William Morris and Charles Hammond, and thence down through the lands now possessed by James Selby and Littleton Robins, and thence through a small part of said Robins's land to the aforesaid Winnant's Landing, as convenient to the owners as may be, and that the said road may become a public road; they also pray, that half an acre of said Robins's land may be condemned for the use of a public landing; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Wilson, Mr. Robins and Mr. Duckett, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Brother has leave of absence for eight days.

A petition from John Lowe, of Prince-George's county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of James Dunn.

A petition from Daniel Buffard, of Frederick county, stating that a suit was brought against him by the state, and that after a trial a verdict of a jury passed in his favour, and a nonsuit against the state, and praying an act may pass for paying him the costs of said suit, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Brother, Mr. Shriver and Mr. Quynn, junior, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Philip B. Key, a delegate returned for the city of Annapolis, 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.

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

A petition from negroes Jacob, Patt and Grace, praying an act may pass to make valid a deed of manumission from Mary Kennedy, which was recorded through mistake in the general court office, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Robins, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Sherwood, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house a letter from Benjamin Harwood, trustee for the state of Maryland, of this day, enclosing an account current of the funded stock to the first instant, and an account current of dividends of interest and principal received to the first of October last; which was read.

ORDERED, That the printer to the state strike one hundred copies of the said accounts for the use of the general assembly.

On motion, RESOLVED, That the printer to the state strike one hundred copies of all public bills reported to this house, for the use of the members.

Mr. John C. Thomas has leave of absence until Monday next.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to settle and ascertain the salary of members of the council for the ensuing year. ORDERED, That Mr. W. Thomas, Mr. Quynn and Mr. Barroll, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of negroes Jacob, Patt and Grace, report, that they find the facts stated in said petition to be true, and are of opinion a law ought to pass to make valid the deed of manumission mentioned in the said petition, and to authorise the clerk of the county court of Talbot to record the same, agreeably to the prayer of the said petition. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. W. Thomas, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to settle and ascertain the salary of members of the council for the ensuing year; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Worcester county, report, that they have considered the same, and are of opinion, that so far as it contemplates a condemnation of land for a public road, it is reasonable, and ought to be granted. As to that part of the petition praying for the condemnation of a lot for a public landing, your committee are of opinion that the power of the legislature ought to be exercised with caution, and submit to the house the propriety of its interposition for that purpose in the present case. All which is submitted.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee of elections and privileges report, that they have inspected the returns of the sheriffs of the several counties, and of the mayor and aldermen of the city of Annapolis, and the commissioners of Baltimore-town, and find, that by the said returns the following persons are elected and duly returned as members of the house of delegates, to wit: For Saint-Mary's county, William Thomas, James Hopewell, Wilfred Neale, and Philip Key, Esquires; for Kent county, William Spencer, William Barroll, Robert Buchanan, junior, and John Lambert Wilmer, Esquires; for Anne-Arundel county, Horatio Ridout, John Chew Thomas, William Brogden, and Edward Hall, Esquires; for Calvert county, William D. Broome, William Sprigg, Peter Emerson, and Thomas Bourne, Esquires; for Charles county, Henry Hendly Chapman, John Thomas, John Parnham,