

The report on the petition of John Frederick Magnus Amelung was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That the committee appointed on the said petition prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Riley, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorize and empower the levy court of Montgomery county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the support of Catharine Lenham; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Barroll, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for amending, and reducing into system, the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans and other representatives of deceased persons; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That the said bill have a second reading on Tuesday week next.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Frederick county was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That the committee appointed on the said petition prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Gwinn, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, justices of the peace, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find some of the regulations therein recommended very salutary, and such they have adopted and introduced into the bill, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, but cannot agree in opinion with them, that it would be proper either to increase the fees at present allowed to justices of the peace, or to allow them to charge other fees than they are entitled to under the laws already existing.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

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

Whereas it appears by the certificate of the clerk of Baltimore county, at January term last, that in Baltimore county criminal court, negro Lydia, the slave of James Tolley, was convicted for house burning, and sentence of death was passed on said negro by the justices of said court, who valued said negro at sixty-five pounds current money, and the aforesaid sentence was commuted by the governor; therefore RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay unto the said James Tolley, or order, the sum of sixty-five pounds current money, it being the amount of the valuation aforesaid.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

Whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that negro Oz, the slave of a certain Thomas Crowley, of Montgomery county, was convicted of burglary and felony in the court of Montgomery county, November term last, and that sentence of death was passed upon him by the justices of said court, who valued said negro to ninety pounds current money: And whereas the governor has commuted the sentence of said court, and ordered that the said negro shall be banished out of the United States, and sold as a slave; therefore RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to the said Thomas Crowley, or order, the sum of ninety pounds current money, the amount of said valuation.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

The report on the petition of John Gallaher was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to regulate the cording of wood in Frederick-town, in Frederick county. ORDERED, That Mr. Warfield, Mr. J. Buchanan and Mr. Bruce, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The report on the petition of Margaret Love, and others, executors of John Love, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The following message being prepared, was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate, with the bill to prevent the firing of woods in the several counties in this state therein mentioned, by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 10, 1798.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have rejected your amendment to the bill, entitled, An act to prevent the firing of woods in the several counties in this state therein mentioned, and have returned the bill for the purpose of your reconsidering the amendment, and hope that you will recede from the same, as the provisions contained in the said bill may be productive of the best consequences in the several counties mentioned therein, and the evil designed to be remedied exists in such a degree as to require legislative interference.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Mr. Edmondson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That the said bill have a second reading on Saturday next.

Mr. Hall, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Philemon Dorsey, of Anne-Arundel county, a lunatic; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Sumner,