

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with; and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That the said committee prepare and bring in the same.

On the second reading of the bill to regulate elections, the question was put, That the further consideration thereof be postponed? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

The house, agreeably to the order of the day, took into consideration the supplement to an act, entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, and after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed until to-morrow.

The house adjourns till 5 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. J. Brown has leave of absence.

Mr. Bruce, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to relinquish to Frederick Eickelberger, of Frederick county, the right of the state to the land therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time by especial order, and passed.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Roberts, James Roberts and Mary Roberts, executors of the last will and testament of George Roberts, deceased, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that a law ought to pass, authorizing the executors of the said George Roberts, deceased, to lease out all the property of the deceased within the limits of the city of Baltimore for a term of years, renewable, for the benefit and advantage of the said George Roberts's devisees and representatives.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read the first and 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. Geoghegan, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Ralph Ormston, of Washington county; which was read the first and second time by especial order, and passed.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill to empower Benjamin Ray, junior, to collect the balances due him as sheriff and collector of Montgomery county, be committed for amendment.

The bill to open a road in Cæcil county from Archibald Dyfart's towards Hugh Ramsay's tavern, was read the second time, and passed.

Mr. Edmondson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower John Roberts, James Roberts and Mary Roberts, executors of the last will and testament of George Roberts, of the city of Baltimore, deceased, to demise the real estate therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Simkins, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to authorize a lottery to improve the post-road leading through Allegany county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill for the better security of property in slaves, be referred to the next general assembly.

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

### T U E S D A Y, January 8, 1799.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill to open a road in Cæcil county from Archibald Dyfart's towards Hugh Ramsay's tavern, the bill for the relief of Ralph Ormston, of Washington county, the bill to relinquish to Frederick Eickelberger, of Frederick county, the right of the state to the land therein mentioned, and the bill 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, were sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill relating to the records in the clerk's office in Saint-Mary's county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to the act, entitled, An act to empower the levy court of Harford county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Jarrett, Mr. McComas and Mr. Montgomery, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from sundry prisoners confined in the gaol of Baltimore, praying relief, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Jarrett, to consider and report thereon.

The amendments to the bill for appointing commissioners to contract for and purchase the lands commonly called the Choptank Indian Lands, in Dorchester county, and for appropriating the same to the use of this state, and to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned, were read the second time, and rejected.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for appointing commissioners to contract for and purchase the lands commonly called the Choptank Indian Lands, in Dorchester county, and for appropriating