

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER SESSION, 1801. 33

take under their consideration the cases of Levin Parsons, of Worcester county, and Henry Hagan, of Charles county.

On motion, ORDERED, That Henry Roberts have leave to withdraw his petition.

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

The report on the petition of Joseph Wilkinson, executor of Richard Chew, was read the second time, the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Mason, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act relating to the public roads in Caroline county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from sundry persons, counter to the petition of Levi Butler, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on the petition to which it is counter.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Chapman be added to the committee appointed on the petitions of sundry insolvent debtors.

The bill authorizing a lottery to raise a sum of money for improving the navigation of the eastern branch of Patowmack river, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom were referred the memorials of Alexander Martin and Frederick Green, printers, report, that they have taken the same under their consideration, and are of opinion that the circulation of the laws of the state and of the votes and proceedings through the medium of a news-paper, in addition to the present mode of dispersing said laws and votes and proceedings, will be productive of an extensive distribution of knowledge and information amongst the citizens of this state; and that as a proposition has been made to publish and distribute the said laws and votes and proceedings in pamphlets, as heretofore, and also in a news-paper, and also to publish the proclamations and other proceedings of the executive, for the same salary heretofore allowed to the printer of the state, and as the Maryland Gazette has not a circulation adequate to effect the desirable object, your committee consider that it will be expedient to have the publication of said laws and votes and proceedings, and executive proceedings, made in the news-paper styled "The American," edited by the said Alexander Martin, and that the publication of the said laws and votes and proceedings, in pamphlets, be made, and the same distributed by Frederick Green, as also the current business of the legislature be printed by him as heretofore, and that compensation to the extent of the salary heretofore allowed to the printer of the state, ought to be made to the said Alexander Martin and Frederick Green; therefore submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and required to pay, for the ensuing year, the sum of four hundred dollars to Alexander Martin, and the sum of one thousand dollars to Frederick Green, for their services as printers to the state.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Hebb, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to open a road in Saint-Mary's county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

F R I D A Y, November 20, 1801.

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

A petition from Sarah Bright, of Montgomery county, praying the trustees of the poor may be authorized to provide for her and her two daughters, who are in a state of insanity, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Swearingen, Mr. Magruder and Mr. T. Davis, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Charles Mankin, former sheriff and collector of Charles county, stating, that he paid into the treasury the sum of £. 444 5 3, it being the difference of the sales of his property sold by William Kilty and William Campbell, agents of the state, and praying a return of the same, with interest, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. P. Stuart, Mr. M'Pherson, Mr. Harwood, Mr. Quynn and Mr. Van-Horn, to consider and report thereon.

Petitions from Joseph Reynolds, of Cecil county, and Robert Beall, of James, of Montgomery county, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

The bill incorporating a society for the maintenance of poor female children, by the name of The Female Humane Association Charity School, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from James Barry and Walter Hellen, counter to the petition of James Ray, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it is counter.

A petition from Henry Roberts, praying to be admitted as a practicing attorney in the general court of the state, and the county courts of Baltimore and Harford, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Quynn and Mr. Goldsborough, to consider and report thereon.

A petition