

The speaker laid before the house a letter from a committee of the visitors and governors of St. John's college, enclosing a statement of their disposal of the public donation of one thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds for the last year; which was read.

The speaker laid before the house a report by the president and trustees of Charlotte-Hall school, giving an account of the present state of said school, and soliciting the legislature to forego the claim of interest on the loan of one thousand pounds until they be exonerated from their present debts; which was read and referred to Mr. Chapman, Mr. Contee, Mr. Stephen, Mr. T. Bayly and Mr. Covington, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from John Stansbury, of the city of Annapolis, stating, that he deserted from the British in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, and entered into the American service under captain Thomas Walker, belonging to the Baltimore galley, and praying compensation for his services, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Muir, Mr. Shaaff and Mr. Chapman, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel county, stating, that a law was passed at the last session to open a road from the oak tree standing on the fork of a road near Richard Dorsey's, leading to the head of Severn, by Jacob Waters's mill, to the methodist meeting-house, and thence to the Federal city, and that the same has been laid off over bad ground, and praying that a law may pass to alter the direction thereof, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Mercer, Mr. Hall and Mr. Harwood, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Cushwa, junior, of Washington county, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Tillotson, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and open a road through Tuckahoe neck, in Caroline county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of discharging debts already incurred in erecting buildings for the accommodation of a seminary of learning established in the vicinity of the city of Baltimore, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, the question was put, That the order of the day be postponed? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house then resumed the consideration of the bill to incorporate the stockholders in the union bank of Maryland. On motion, the question was put, That the third and fourth sections thereof be struck out? Resolved in the affirmative; and on motion, the question was then put, That the following be received as an amendment to the said bill? to wit: "And, whereas the subscribers to the said voluntary association will derive great advantages from the legal sanction hereby conferred on their proceedings, enhancing the value of the monies they have already paid, a sanction on which they have no right to calculate, and as it would be unjust and unreasonable to increase the value of that part of the stock of the said institution yet unpaid, by means of a public law, conferring a security, and giving a confidence, which did not exist at the time of subscription, and at the same time confine the privileges and benefits thereof to the same individuals, who are otherwise highly benefitted; Be it enacted, That if the present charter of incorporation shall come to be in force by the voluntary acceptance and agreement of the present subscribers, agreeably to the provisions herein after made and enacted, then the unpaid capital stock of the said bank shall be, and it is hereby declared to be, free for subscription to all persons, in the manner and under the regulations following: The directors herein after named shall apportion and divide the unpaid capital of the said bank, except the shares reserved for the state, by shares of one hundred dollars each, among the several counties of this state, as nearly as may be, according to the number of inhabitants thereof as ascertained by the late census obtained under the laws of the United States, and after notice given for at least two months previous thereto, they shall appoint a day, not prior to the first day of October next, when the commissioners heretofore employed to take subscriptions to their voluntary association, or such others as they may appoint, shall proceed, at the same places in each county and at like hours as heretofore, to fill up the said shares in like manner and under like regulations as heretofore used at the time of said subscriptions, except that the said commissioners shall in all cases give a preference to subscribers who shall be residents of the county or city wherein such subscriptions shall be taken, and who shall offer to them satisfactory evidence that they are bona fide holders of the stock by them subscribed; and every subscriber shall pay ten dollars on each share by him subscribed at the time of subscription, and like ten dollars at the expiration of each succeeding term of one hundred and twenty days, until the whole sum of one hundred dollars be fully paid and completed, subject to forfeiture in case of nonpayment, agreeably to the terms prescribed in said voluntary association." The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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| Hall,    | T. Bayly, | Hyland,  | S. Frazier, | Williams, | Swearingen, | Seiby,     | Bayard, |
| Harwood, |           |          |             |           |             |            | 17.     |