

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Mercer, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Beall, Mr. Steele, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Smith, of Baltimore, and Mr. Lowrey, be a committee to consider and report what measures may be requisite to secure the internal tranquillity of the state.

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

THE committee of grievances and courts of justice, to whom was referred the petition of Rachel Shipley, of Anne-Arundel county, report, that they have considered the same, and are of opinion the said case ought to be referred to the chancellor, and submit the propriety of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the chancellor be and he is hereby authorized to inquire into all the circumstances, touching the execution of a special warrant of survey granted to a certain Talbot Shipley, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, on the eighteenth day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, as stated in the petition of Rachel Shipley, his widow and administratrix, and if, upon said examination of all the circumstances, the chancellor shall be of opinion, that the said warrant has not been duly executed, and the certificate thereon duly received in the land-office, owing to the misconduct or misapprehension of duty of the principal surveyor of Anne-Arundel county, that in such case he shall direct the register of the land-office to receive into his said office the certificate aforesaid, which has been hitherto presented to the said register on the seventh day of February last, and, (if the same shall be received,) the chancellor shall then give to said certificate all the force, validity and effect, which it would have been entitled to, if the surveyor of Anne-Arundel county had regularly discharged his duty, touching the warrant so as aforesaid issued to the said Talbot Shipley, and the certificate for the same.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Bond, of Prince-George's county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true; they therefore submit the propriety of passing the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay unto Samuel Bond, executor of Henry Greenfield Sothoron, the sum of twenty-eight pounds six shillings and two-pence current money, with interest from the thirty-first day of August, seventeen hundred and ninety-one, being so much overpaid by the said Henry Greenfield Sothoron for land purchased of the state of Maryland in the reserves of Calverton manor, in Charles county.

By order,

J. S. BETTON, clk.

Which was read.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Charles Boffom, of Baltimore county, or his order, the sum of five pounds eight shillings and ten-pence, with interest thereon from the fifteenth day of November, seventeen hundred and ninety-six, it being a balance due the said Boffom on the books of the treasury.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of fundry inhabitants of Washington county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and believe the facts therein stated to be true, and are of opinion the prayer of the petitioners is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

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

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Philip Hardcastle, of Caroline county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true, we therefore are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, 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 said petition prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate elections. ORDERED, That Mr. Nelson, Mr. Smith, of Baltimore, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Leigh, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from fundry inhabitants of Talbot county, praying the proceedings of the levy court of said county, for laying out a road from Spedden Oram's gate through the lands of the petitioners till it intersects the old public highway near William Hubbard's land, may be confirmed, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Denney, Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Edmondson, to consider and report thereon.

The bill for the preservation of the breed of fish in Great Choptank river, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.