

The bill to authorize and empower the levy court of Cæcil county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the support of John Maloy, was read the second time by especial order, and passed.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill to regulate elections, be committed to the committee appointed to bring in the same, for amendment.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of the commissioners of the city of Washington met, and took the same into their consideration, and agreed to submit the propriety of the following resolution to the opinion and judgment of the house.

RESOLVED, That the trustee of this state transfer to the order of the commissioners of the federal buildings, in the city of Washington, the sum of fifty thousand dollars of the stock of the United States bearing a present interest of six per centum per annum, upon the said commissioners giving such real and personal security as the governor and council shall approve, for the payment of the principal sum on or before the first day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and three, and the punctual payment of the interest thereon quarter yearly, and if the interest is at any time thirty days in arrear, the whole principal to be sued for and recovered.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Benjamin Skinner, of Queen-Anne's county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Mackall appeared in the house.

A petition from Benjamin Ricketts, of Anne-Arundel county, praying compensation for a negro man that died in gaol, the said negro having been committed for shooting a certain Patrick Macgill, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Quynn, Mr. Lowrey and Mr. Hall, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from the constables of Baltimore county, praying an increase of fees, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed to bring in a bill to regulate constables fees.

The report on the petition of Edward Norwood was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

Mr. Edmondson appeared in the house.

The house proceeded to take into consideration the order of the day respecting the petition from the mayor and city council of the city of Baltimore for introducing water into the said city, and the counter memorial thereto, and after hearing counsel at the bar of the house, ORDERED, That the farther consideration of the same be postponed until to-morrow morning.

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

T H U R S D A Y, December 19, 1799.

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

A petition from James Steel, and others, of Cæcil county, in behalf of themselves and the heirs of John Pattison, and others, stating, that they were compelled to give an exorbitant price for part of Widow's Lot, and praying relief, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. P. Thomas, Mr. Key, Mr. Rumsley, Mr. Bidgely and Mr. Duckett, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Lowrey be added to the committee of claims in the room of Mr. Purnell.

Mr. Boon has leave of absence.

A petition from Benjamin Gwinn Cole, of Saint-Mary's county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from Francis Noble, of Saint-Mary's county, praying the levy court of said county may be authorized to levy a sum of money for his support, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Barber, Mr. Leigh and Mr. Greenwell, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Barber has leave of absence.

The house resumed the consideration of the order of the day respecting the petition from the mayor and city council of the city of Baltimore for introducing water into the said city, and the counter memorial thereto, and after hearing counsel at the bar of the house, ORDERED, That the counsel have leave to withdraw.

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

F R I D A Y, December 20, 1799.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Barroll, Mr. Dunn and Mr. Pattison, have leave of absence.

A representation from the adjutant-general, in pursuance of an order of the house of delegates of the 7th instant, was preferred and read.

ORDERED, That the same be referred to the committee appointed to bring in a supplement to the act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Ruth Downes, of Queen-Anne's county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer