

tion of his salary as for the augmentation of the salaries of the other officers of government. All which is submitted.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the trustees of the poor of Queen Anne's county, beg leave to report, that they have examined the facts contained therein, and are of opinion that the prayer ought to be granted.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers a memorial and petition of the proprietors of the Susquehanna canal, praying an act may pass empowering the proprietors of the Susquehanna canal to extend the time for completing the canal, and the present number of shares to fifty, and that the state take twenty shares, endorsed; "By the senate, November 30, 1796: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Which was read, and referred to Mr. Carroll, Mr. Barroll, Mr. Digges, Mr. McMechen and Mr. Buchanan, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the bill to settle and pay the civil list, and other expences of civil government, as amended; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill recognizing the coin of the United States, and the value of foreign coins as established by the acts of the congress of the United States. ORDERED, That Mr. Robins, Mr. Ridout and Mr. Wilson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Carroll, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for raising a sum of money, by the way of a lottery, to complete and finish a house of public worship in Baltimore county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Ignatius Middleton, of Charles county, praying the treasurer may be directed to return him ten pounds three shillings and two-pence, overpaid for interest due on his father's bond for a loan of money of the emission of 1774, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Key and Mr. Montgomery, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Clement Hill, of Prince-George's county, praying to be allowed the sum of eight pounds five shillings red money, for a certificate which he received from the commissioners of the tax of Prince-George's county, for which he has never been credited, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Baker, Mr. Calvert and Mr. Wilmer, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Robins, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to alter and repeal such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as relate to the council to the governor; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That the said bill have a second reading on Thursday the 8th day of December next.

The bill making valid the title of Matthew Ryan to several lots or parcels of land therein mentioned, was read the second time, and passed.

The bill to incorporate the Roman catholic congregation worshipping at the church of Saint-Mary, in the vicinity of Bryan-town, in Charles county, was read the second time, and passed.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the punishment of horse stealers and other offenders. ORDERED, That Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Brome, Mr. Handy, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Jones, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The report on the letter of William Cooke, was read the second time, and the resolutions therein contained assented to.

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

T H U R S D A Y, December 1, 1796.

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

The bill to incorporate the Roman catholic congregation worshipping at the church of Saint-Mary, in the vicinity of Bryan-town, in Charles county, the bill making valid the title of Matthew Ryan to several lots or parcels of land therein mentioned, and the resolution appointing commissioners on the part of this state, in the room of Mr. Pinkney, absent, and Mr. Cooke, resigned, relative to the western and southern limits of this state, were sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, Leave given to bring in an additional supplementary act to the act relating to the standard of English weights and measures. ORDERED, That Mr. Nicholson, Mr. J. Thomas, Mr. Brogden, Mr. Digges and Mr. Brown, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Richard A. Contee, of Prince-George's county, praying he may be released from the payment of £.250 due to the state for the purchase of a lot of ground on Fell's-Point, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Robins, Mr. Oneale and Mr. Ridgely, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Levin Irvings, of Somerset county, praying his title may be confirmed to certain lands purchased of John Leatherbury, late sheriff of Somerset county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Robins, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Handy, to consider and report thereon.