

but not deeming the poor-house of the county a proper asylum for unfortunate females afflicted as the said Ciney Welsh is, think that a law ought to pass authorising and requiring the justices of the levy court of Anne-Arundel county to levy a sum of money annually on the said county for the maintenance of the said Ciney Welsh.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from John Threlkeld, of Montgomery county, praying an act may pass relinquishing the state's claim to a certain lot of ground which he purchased of the state's agent as confiscated property, which was liable to escheat, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Oneale, Mr. Duckett and Mr. Wilkins, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Jarrett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Bond (of Thomas) and Henry Richardson, securities of Thomas Gibson, late sheriff of Harford county, praying a further time should be allowed them to complete their collections, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion a law ought to pass extending the time for the completion of the collection as securities aforesaid, as prayed for. All which is submitted.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Thomas Corse, of Dorchester county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from Hannah Carter, of Montgomery county, praying a sum of money may be levied on the said county for her maintenance, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Reintzel, Mr. Oneale and Mr. Ridgely, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Rebecca Hobbs, of Somerset county, widow of Josiah Hobbs, stating, that her husband died possessed of a real estate, and praying she may be authorized to cut off and sell timber for the purpose of supporting and educating her children, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Hyland, Mr. Jones and Mr. Wilson, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to erect a town in Queen-Anne's county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Whittington, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for recording a patent therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from Lewis Duvall, of Montgomery county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

The bill to authorize the raising a sum of money by lottery to complete and finish a house of public worship in Baltimore county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from William Polk, of Somerset county, stating, that he had a negro slave convicted for a capital offence, who broke gaol and made his escape, and praying compensation, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Oneale, Mr. Whittington and Mr. Wilson, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Christian Koon, of Frederick county, praying compensation for the loss of three horses which were impressed during the late war, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Brotnor, Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Hopewell, to consider and report thereon.

The following message and resolution were prepared, read and agreed to.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 7, 1796.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

IN answer to your message of yesterday we inform you, that we shall be ready, on Friday next, to go into an election of a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States after the expiration of the term for which John Eager Howard was chosen, and we have framed the resolution which accompanies this message, to which we request your concurrence.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

RESOLVED, That Friday the ninth instant be appointed for the election of a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States after the third day of March, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, to be a resident of the western shore, and the person on the said shore having a majority of votes of all the attending members of both houses, be declared to be duly elected to represent this state in the senate of the United States for the term of six years, to commence on the fourth of March, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven; and that a commission issue to the said senator, appointed as aforesaid, signed by the governor for the time being, or in his absence by the presiding member of the council, in the following words, to wit: The legislature of Maryland reposing especial confidence in your integrity and abilities, hath appointed you senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States for the term of six years. Given under my hand, and the seal of this state, this _____ day of _____, anno donini _____.

The house having taken into consideration the petition of Christopher Hughes, and others, and the counter petitions thereto, respecting the extension of Light-street to Forest-street, and having heard the respective parties by their counsel, the question was put on the following: RESOLVED, That the prayer of the said petition, so far as respects the extension of Light-street to Forest-street, be granted. Determined in the negative.