

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill to extend Light-street to Forest-street, in Baltimore-town, under the limitations and restrictions therein mentioned? Resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That Mr. Key, Mr. Carroll, Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Mechen, Mr. Ridout and Mr. Ridgely, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. James Winchester, a delegate returned for Baltimore-town, in room of Mr. Robert Smith, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house.

Mr. Baker, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from John M<sup>c</sup>Pherson, lieutenant-colonel of the 16th regiment of militia, praying to be reimbursed the sum of £. 31 18 8 which he incurred in the purchase of a substitute to supply the place of a certain John Hoffman who was draughted, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Brother, Mr. Oneale and Mr. J. C. Thomas, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Eleanor Davidson, and others, praying an act may pass confirming the division made by John Mackall Gantt with the commissioners of the city of Washington, as also the subdivisions made with the adjoining proprietors, and to proceed on in subdividing with the proprietors with whom he has not divided, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Reintzel and Mr. Ridout, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from George Murdock, and others, praying they may be authorized to dispose of the real estate of Eleanor Charlton, late of Frederick county, deceased, for the payment of her debts, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Brother, Mr. Key and Mr. Oneale, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Rebecca Hobbs, of Somerset county, report, that they have considered the same, and are of opinion that it ought to be granted, inasmuch as it will be a benefit to the petitioner, without injuring the interests of the orphans who have a title in the lands from which it is proposed to remove timber; should the prayer not be granted, the whole of the personal estate which is necessary for the maintenance of the petitioner and her children will be swallowed up. All which is submitted.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.

The amendments to the bill for the relief of Anne Dent and Theodore Dent, administrators of Peter Dent, late of Charles county, deceased, were read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The amendments to the bill for erecting a new bridge over Dividing Creek, between the counties of Somerset and Worcester, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Christian Koon, senior, of Frederick county, report, that they have considered the same, and find, by an act passed at February session, 1777, chapter 4, power was vested in the justices of the peace to press waggons and horses in the public service on occasions of emergency; that by virtue of this act three horses, the property of the petitioner, were taken in September, 1777, and appraised to the sum of £. 92 10 0 specie, and died in the service of the state; all which facts are proved to the committee by certificates and depositions to the said petition annexed. The committee also find, that the petitioner has never received any compensation for the said horses, but the same still remains justly due to him. They further are of opinion he ought to be paid, and submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay unto Christian Koon, senior, of Frederick county, or his order, the sum of £. 92 10 0 current money.

All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

S. LUCKETT, clk.

Which was read.

The order of the day for the second reading of the bill for the better administration of justice in the several counties of this state is postponed till to-morrow.

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

T H U R S D A Y, December 8, 1796.

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

The message and resolution relative to the appointment of a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States, were sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Merryman have leave of absence.

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

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