

A petition from Robert Dorsey, surviving executor of Edward Dorsey, of Caleb, praying that the heirs of the said Edward Dorsey may be released from a debt due to the state by their father as security for Dennis Griffith, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Charles A. Warfield.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Sarah Ditty and Samuel Jacob, having taken the same into consideration, report, that in the opinion of the committee the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time by especial order and concurred with.

The bill authorising Lawrence Brengle, late collector of Frederick county, to complete his collection, was read the second time, passed, and, with the bill appointing Richard Cramphin, Benjamin Lowndes and George Calvert, commissioners for the purposes therein mentioned, and the resolutions in favour of James M. Cresap and Patrick Murdock, sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Hyland and Mr. Sturgis, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the advancement of justice. ORDERED, That Mr. Watts, Mr. Bruce and Mr. Ward, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Frazier, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the support of Solomon Jones and wife; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the bill, entitled, An act to provide for the organization and regulation of the courts of common law in this state, and for the administration of justice therein, as amended; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The house adjourns until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

## M O N D A Y, December 30, 1805.

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

Petitions from Henry Semmer, of the city of Baltimore, and Abraham Jarrett, of Harford county, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from the hawkers and pedlers of this state, remonstrating against the passage of any law which may prevent them from enjoying their former privileges, was preferred, read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Cæcil county, counter to the petition to prevent the erection of batteries, mounds or artificial islands, in the river Susquehanna, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on the petition to which it is counter.

The bill for an addition to the town of Rockville, in Montgomery county, the bill to lay out and open a road from the Pennsylvania line to the Susquehanna canal, in Cæcil county, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The amendments proposed to the bill to streighten the road leading into Howard-street in the city of Baltimore, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Lloyd, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to prevent free negroes from receiving of any slave or slaves any article of provision and selling the same as the production of their own labour; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Smoot appears in the house.

ORDERED, That the bill to establish permanent salaries for the judges of the six judicial districts in this state, have a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Lloyd, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, 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.

Mr. Contec, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Thomas Hodges and Eleanor Hodges, the infant children of James Hodges, late of Prince-George's county, deceased; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Ennalls, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to extend further the powers of the clerks of the several counties of this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to prevent persons erecting booths, and retailing spirituous liquors, within one mile of the places of religious worship of the people called Methodists in the several counties therein mentioned, and the bill for the benefit of Colmore Duvall, of Prince-George's county, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read. Also the bill to authorise Lawrence Brengle, late collector of Frederick county, to complete his collection, the bill authorising Jacob Schnebly, late collector of Washington county, to complete his collection, and the bill appointing Richard Cram-