

be such a contrariety of sentiment as to the proper place for holding the election in said district, it would be inexpedient at this time for the legislature to interfere.

By order, L. GASSAWAY, clk.  
Which was read the first and second time by especial order and concurred in.

A petition of the grand masters and other officers of the grand lodge of Maryland, praying permission to institute a scheme of a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of erecting a masonic hall in the city of Baltimore, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Cockey, Mr. Waters, Mr. Stuart and Mr. Lloyd, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Joshua Stevenson, report, that they have taken the same under consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted, and that leave be given him to be heard at the bar of the house by counsel.

By order, E. H. STONE, clk.  
Which was read the first and second time by especial order, and the question put, Will the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.

The bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Robert Williams, a free black man, and of his wife and children, was read the second time and passed.

The bill, entitled, An act to lay out and streighten a certain road in Baltimore county, was read the second time and passed.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill, entitled, An act relative to sheriffs and constables, when, on motion, the question was put, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Carroll, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to extend the powers of the trustees of the poor of Montgomery county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to withdraw the donations heretofore granted by the state to the several academies and schools therein mentioned? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow :

A F F I R M A T I V E.								
Mc Scott, Gale,	Mercer, Ward,	Van-Horn,	Blake,	Ellicott,	Bowles,	Smith,	Watts.	10.
N E G A T I V E.								
Neale, Dorsey, Higgins, Holland, B. Mackall, Somervell,	Stuart, Parnham, M <sup>r</sup> Pherson, Harryman, Denny, Lloyd,	Dickinson, Cottman, Hyland, Smoot, Cox,	Moffit, Porter, Hall, Callis, Shaaff,	Sturgis, Bishop, Hawkins, Waters, Cockey,	Kuhn, Montgomery, Forwood, Ayres, Holbrook,	Bayard, Turpin, Jump, Stephen, Carroll,	Selby, Linthicum, Bruce, Tomlinson, Rizer.	42.

So it was determined in the negative.  
The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, January 8, 1806.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Cresap has leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

A petition from the trustees of the poor of Prince-George's county, stating, that the land allotted to the poor is almost destitute of wood, and praying a law may pass to authorise them to make an exchange of the same, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Hall, Mr. Van-Horn and Mr. Callis, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act authorising the drawing of a lottery to defray the expence of building a masonic hall in the city of Baltimore; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution in favour of Patrick Murdock, of Allegany county, and the resolution in favour of Marsham Parker, severally endorsed, "dissented from." The bill, entitled, An act to alter and change the name of Elizabeth Sower, of the city of Baltimore, to that of Elizabeth Lamnot, endorsed, "will not pass." And a bill, entitled, An act to reduce into one the several acts of assembly respecting elections, and to regulate said elections, endorsed, "will pass;" which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Martha Hall, administratrix of Edward Hall, having taken the subject under their consideration, report, that at October session, seventeen hundred and eighty, an act passed the general assembly, entitled, An act to seize, confiscate and appropriate, all British property within this state, by which law all property within this state, debts only excepted, belonging to British subjects, was seized and confiscated to the use of this state; and by the same act a provision was made for the payments of the debts due to our own citizens, by declaring that the subjects of the state, who were creditors of British subjects, should be paid and satisfied out of the British property seized and confiscated under that act.