

The bill for the benefit of James Griffin, of Saint-Mary's county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill to prevent swine from going at large in the town of Belle-Air, in Harford county, was read the second time, and, on motion, the question was put, That the same be recommitted? Resolved in the affirmative.

A petition from the convention of the protestant episcopal church in Maryland, praying they may be vested with corporate powers, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Shaaff, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Stone, Mr. T. Dorsey and Mr. Gale, of Somerset, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from the convention of the protestant episcopal church in Maryland, praying the legislature to adopt some measures to prevent gambling, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Shaaff, Mr. Biggs, Mr. Tabbs, Mr. Muir and Mr. W. H. Brown, to consider and report thereon.

A memorial from Nicholas Brewer, register in chancery, stating, that the room occupied for his office is too small, and praying that another in the west corner of the State-house may be finished for the said office, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Kerr, Mr. Shaaff and Mr. Muir, to consider and report thereon.

The clerk of the senate delivers a memorial from Bishop Clagget, and others, the convention of the protestant episcopal church in Maryland, suggesting the impropriety of granting divorces; which was read. The bill for the benefit of the joined evangelic lutheran and evangelic presbyterian congregation of Saint-Paul's church, in Washington county, the bill to authorise the drawing of a lottery within the city of Baltimore for the purpose therein mentioned, the supplement to the act, entitled, An act authorising a lottery for raising a sum of money for the rector and vestry of Saint-Thomas's parish, in Baltimore county, the bill to confirm certain deeds of conveyance made to Joseph Leonard, and other persons therein named, and the bill to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the poor of Montgomery county, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The bill authorising a lottery for raising a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned, endorsed, "will not pass." And the resolution in favour of Evan Willing, endorsed, "dissented from."

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act respecting runaway negroes, and for other purposes. ORDERED, That Mr. Stone, Mr. Shaaff, Mr. T. Dorsey, Mr. Cox, and Mr. C. Dorsey, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill to lay out, straighten and confirm, a certain road in Harford county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. J. Brown, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and make public a road in Queen-Anne's county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

T U E S D A Y, December 15, 1807.

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

ORDERED, That Mr. Shaaff and Mr. Stone be added to the committee appointed on the petition of William Gwinn, and the counter memorial of John Swan.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to alter the mode of collecting the county tax in Harford county, and for other purposes. ORDERED, That Mr. Streett, Mr. Ayres and Mr. Davis, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to open and make public a road to Graceham, in Frederick county, and the bill to lay out and make a public road in Baltimore county, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to the public roads in Queen-Anne's county, endorsed, "will pass," which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the eastern precincts of Baltimore, counter to the petition for the enlargement of the city of Baltimore, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it is counter.

The supplement to the act, entitled, An act to open and extend a road leading from Whittingham's bridge, at Princess-Anne-town, in Somerset county, to the plantation of George Pollitt, deceased, until it intersects the road leading from Salisbury to Stevens's ferry, at the plantation of Joshua Morris, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

ORDERED, That the second reading of the bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, be postponed until to-morrow.

A petition from George Fitzhugh, of Baltimore county, praying a compensation for a negro man belonging to him, who was committed to gaol for an attempt to murder, and escaped therefrom, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Harryman, Mr. Shaaff, Mr. M. Brown, Mr. Callis and Mr. Little, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Prince-George's county, praying a road from James Crawford's gate to intersect the main road leading from Annapolis to Bladensburgh, by Jonathan Beall's, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Page, Mr. Hall and Mr. B. Hodges, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, stating, that a law passed in the year 1805, authorising a lottery for the benefit of said lodge, and praying that certain persons may be authorised to carry the same into