

T H U R S D A Y, December 17, 1807.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The speaker appears in the house and resumed the chair.

The bill authorising Robert Leatherbury, of Somerset county, to complete his collection, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from Notley Maddox, of Prince-George's county, praying he may be compensated for services rendered as sheriff not provided for by law, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Hall, Mr. Callis and Mr. B. Hodges, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Cæcil county, praying that Zenas Wells may be compensated for building a bridge over Principio creek, either by an appropriation from the treasury, or by making the same a toll bridge, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Cox and Mr. T. Moffit, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. T. Dorsey, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate an insurance company in Baltimore-town; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of George Plummer Hinckle, of Allegany county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into their consideration, and find, from the accompanying documents, that sometime in the year seventeen hundred and ninety, the said George P. Hinckle made a survey called Walnut Plains, containing twenty-six and a half acres, by virtue of an assignment, that the surveyor deemed sufficient, and returned the same to the land-office within the time limited by law, and complied with all the requisites to entitle him to a patent; that your petitioner sometime after he had made the said survey, sold the same for a valuable consideration in an unimproved state, and wishing to make the purchaser a deed for the same, applied to the land-office for a patent; that on his your petitioner's application for the same, he was informed a patent could not issue, as the assignment by which the said survey was made did not appear to be sufficient, and that the person who was to have made the said assignment refused to comply with the terms of a letter he had wrote to the then surveyor of Allegany county, and that the chancellor of Maryland, in three other cases that stood precisely on the same ground, had decreed that the said letter did not give the said surveyor authority to make the said surveys under and by virtue of said letter, and that a memorandum is made on your petitioner's survey to the like effect. Your petitioner, thus being situated, and willing to comply with his contract, was compelled to take out a special warrant, whereby he could affect the same, by the return of which he is now subjected to the payment of fifteen pounds fourteen shillings and one penny, as improvements on the same; the committee are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable and just, and submit the following resolution to the consideration of the house.

RESOLVED, That the state of Maryland relinquish to George Plummer Hinckle, of Allegany county, the sum of fifteen pounds fourteen shillings and one penny, it being the valuation made and returned for certain improvements on a survey, lying in said county, called Walnut Plains, and that upon his paying into the treasury the composition money due thereon, and the treasurer's receipt therefor, upon the certificate of the said survey, that the said certificate be received in the land-office, and that patent shall issue thereupon at the usual time, with leave of the chancellor, without any hindrance arising from the state's relinquishing the sum due for improvements as above stated.

All which is submitted.

By order,

W. DIXON, clk.

Which was read.

The bill to extend further the powers of the levy court of Allegany county relative to roads in said county, and for other purposes, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Little, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to change the place of holding the election in the first district of Baltimore county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Petitions from Nathaniel Oldham and Absalom Oldham, of Cæcil county, praying a further time to complete their collections, were preferred, read, and referred to Mr. T. Moffit, Mr. Porter and Mr. Cox, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Mary G. Handy, and others, of the city of Washington, praying they may be authorised to sell the real estate of their father Isaac Handy, lying in Somerset county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Winder, Mr. Shaaff and Mr. Gale, of Somerset, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Joshua Howard, of Frederick county, praying for a road from his mills to intersect the Baltimore and Reister's-town turnpike road in or near Westminster, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Harryman and Mr. Shriver, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. T. Dorsey, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act for founding a college in the city or precincts of Baltimore, by the name of Baltimore college; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.