A petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying that Aquila Jones may be paid the damages sustained by a road running through his land, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Forwood, Mr. Davis and Mr. Streett, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to appoint and authorise commissioners to review and lay out the road therein mentioned in Harford county, was read the second time and passed.

The following message was read and agreed to.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, January 2, 1808.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

WE send you back the bill, entitled, An act authorising a lottery for raising a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned. The object of this law appears to us to be of importance to a large proportion of the state, in as much as the money to be raised will be applied to making good the nearest route from the city of Annapolis to the seat of government of the United States. We should be averse to sanctioning the principle of raising money by way of lottery for trifling purposes, but when a state object can be attained, we think good policy would dictate the measure, and viewing this in that light, we trust, upon reconsideration, the bill will obtain the concurrence of your house.

By order, J. BREWER, clk.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to alter and abolish such parts of the constitution as relate to elections by ballot, and for other purposes therein to be mentioned? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Mess	W. H. Brown,	Hopewell,	Green,	Winder,	Sudler,	Tabbs,	Carroll,	Darne.	12.
	Blakistone,	Stone,	Rogerson,	Dennis,					

NEGATIVE.

Messrs	Gardiner,	C. D. Hodges,	Kerr,	T. Moffit,	Sturgis,	Shriver,	Holbrook,	Schnebly,	
	W. Moffitt,	O. Williams,	Seth,	Porter,	Robins,	Forwood,	Bayard,	Gabby,	
	Welch,	Little,	Stevens,	Page,	Biggs,	Streett,	Jump,	Tomlinson,	
	Brice,	Harryman,	Frazier,	Callis,	Hawkins,	Ayres,	Steuart,	Greenwell,	
	Belt,	M. Brown,	Cox,	B. Hodges,	Kuhn,	Davis,	Bowles,	Briscoe.	40.

So it was determined in the negative.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Caroline county, counter to the petition praying a further supplement to the act for the regulation and improvement of Denton, in said county, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it is counter.

A petition from Henry Fout, and others, praying the sale of the real estate of Baltzer Fout and Lewis Fout, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Biggs and Mr. Shaaff, to consider and report thereon.

The following message was read.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, January 2, 1808.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

BELIEVING, as we do, that all the business of this house can be acted on by the —— instant, we propose, with the concurrence of the senate, to close the session on that day.

The house adjourns until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, January 4, 1808.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. J. Williams and Mr. Jackson. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, the bill to appoint and authorise commissioners to review and lay out the road therein mentioned in Harford county, the bill in favour of the representatives of Richard Hall, late of Cæcil county, deceased, the bill authorising a lottery for raising a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned, with the message requesting a reconsideration of the same, and the resolution in favour of Thomas S. Brewer, were sent to the senate by the clerk.

ORDERED, That Mr. Dennis, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Winder, Mr. W. H. Brown and Mr. Hopewell, be a committee to consider and report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Dorchester county for a road through the lands of John Campbell Henry, and others, to Wapplermander creek, and the petition of sundry inhabitants of said county, counter thereto.

The bill to lay out and make a public road from Thomas Richardson's mill, in Montgomery county, to intersect the main road leading to the town of Bladensburgh, in Prince-George's county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Stone, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to continue certain acts of assembly; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the examiner-general of the western shore, enclosing a list of fees received by him for the last year; which was read.

The bill for the relief of Samuel Thomas, James Colston and Benjamin Binny, executors of Charles W. Binny, deceased, securities of Philemon Willis, late sheriff of Talbot county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.