

A petition from Elizabeth M'Kay, of the city of Baltimore, praying a divorce, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. R. Steuart, Mr. Sanders and Mr. Bayly, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Stephen Rayner, of Talbot county, praying a special act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Kerr, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Seth, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Marsham Parker, of Calvert county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true, and therefore submit the following resolution:

Whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that negro Dick, the slave of John Parker, late of Prince-George's county, the father of the present petitioner, (and upon whose estate the said Marsham Parker has administered,) was tried and convicted of felony at a county court held for Prince-George's county, at June term, seventeen hundred and eighty-six, and was by the said court sentenced to be hanged, and was valued at the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds current money, which said negro Dick was afterwards pardoned by the governor, upon the condition of transportation; and it appearing that neither the said John Parker, in his lifetime, or this petitioner, since his death, hath received any compensation for said negro, therefore RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to the said Marsham Parker, or his order, the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds current money, the valuation of the said negro Dick.

All which is submitted.

By order,

S. LOWDERMILK, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Rebecca Adams, of Washington county, praying a divorce, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Downey, Mr. R. Steuart and Mr. Bowles, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from William Delestadius, of Accomack county, in the commonwealth of Virginia, praying that the register of wills of Worcester county may be directed to deliver him the original will of Joseph Delestadius, deceased, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Wilson, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Hayward, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Imeson, report, that they have considered the same, and find, from sufficient testimony, that the petitioner was a sergeant in the Maryland line; that he was placed on the half pay establishment as a common soldier, by a resolution of November session, one thousand eight hundred and three. Your committee believing, as the legislature then did, that he is well worthy of the aid and protection of his country, and having no doubt of his rank when in the army had been ascertained, that he would have been provided for agreeably thereto, recommend the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised and directed to pay to John Imeson, late a sergeant in the Maryland line during the revolutionary war, or to his order, a sum of money, in quarterly payments, equal to the half pay of a sergeant, instead of the sum now payable to him in virtue of a resolution of November session, one thousand eight hundred and three.

All which is submitted.

By order,

S. LOWDERMILK, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from John Richards, of Montgomery county, praying to be supported out of the poor's house, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Veatch, Mr. Gaither and Mr. Carroll, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Herbert, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to amend an act to reduce into one the several acts of assembly respecting elections, and to regulate said elections; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Streett, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to repeal part of an act to lay out, straighten and confirm, a certain road in Harford county, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and seven; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Cottman, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to confirm the title of William Crockett to part of a tract of land called Hayman's Purchase, in Somerset county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. T. N. Williams has leave of absence.

The bill authorising William Moffitt, late sheriff and collector of Kent county, to complete his collection, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the further supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the better regulation of apprentices, the bill annulling the marriage of Charles H. Tunis, and Harriett his wife, of Anne-Arundel county, the bill annulling the marriage of William Hines, and Mary his wife, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The further additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act for erecting buildings for the use of the poor in Queen-Anne's county, and for other purposes, the bill authorising Benjamin Ray, late sheriff and collector of Montgomery county, to complete his collection, and the bill to incorporate the president and directors of the Baltimore water company, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendments were read. Also an act, entitled, An act for the appointment of a bailiff to the