

bill reported by Mr. Ligon entitled, an act to authorise the commissioners of tax of Howard District of Anne Arundel county, to provide for the payment of debts due to mechanics and others, contracted on account of public buildings in said district ;

Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Phelps,

Said bill was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Carey reported a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Eliza Matthews and others ;

Which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Phelps,

The House took up for consideration the preamble and order submitted by him on the 12th instant, instructing the committee on Ways and Means, to report a bill which in their wisdom and discretion, they may deem best calculated to effect a sale of the entire interest of Maryland, in each and every work of internal improvement in this State ;

The said preamble and order was then read the second time and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Waters, of Somerset,

Ordered, That it be entered on the journal, that Mr. Lankford is absent from his seat to-day from indisposition.

On motion of Mr. Ligon,

Ordered; That the assistant clerk of the House of Delegates, be instructed to make out a full record of the votes and proceedings of this House when in committee of the whole. on consideration of a bill entitled, "a further supplement to the act entitled, an act for the general valuation and assessment of property in this State, and to provide a tax to pay the debts of the State, passed at March session 1841, chapter 23," and transfer such record to the journal that will be published for general distribution.

Mr. Stephenson presented the petition of William Wiles and others of Harford county, praying for the passage of an act making it illegal for justices of the peace to hold their courts at grog shops or taverns ;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice.

Mr. Kilgour chairman of the committee on Claims, made a favorable report upon the petition of William McNeir, praying to be paid for certain services therein mentioned, accompanied with the following resolution :

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer pay to William McNeir the sum of ninety dollars, it being the amount paid by him, to the clerk of the Court of Appeals for copies of the laws passed at December session 1842;

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,