

Mr. Bowdle presented the petition of Solomon Mullikin, and forty-seven other citizens of Talbot county, praying the passage of a law to condemn a piece of land for a public landing on Chop-tank river, called and known as Lloyd's landing.

Mr. Fooks presented the petition of Elijah Halloway, and others, citizens of Worcester and Somerset counties, in relation to the ditching and draining their low lands;

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Jump,

Ordered, That the committee of seven already raised on the subject of clerks of county courts and registers of wills in the several counties of this State, the city of Baltimore and Howard District, be instructed to inquire into the propriety of so amending the Constitution, as to make all clerks of county courts and registers of wills in Maryland, now in office, or that may hereafter be appointed in any of the counties of this State, the city of Baltimore and Howard District, ineligible, after serving seven years for the space of one term.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Anne Arundel,

Ordered, That the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill to repeal or modify the 9th section of the act, passed at February session 1777, ch. 12, entitled, an act concerning marriages.

On motion of Mr. Hughes,

Ordered, That the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill giving to single magistrates jurisdiction in all cases of trespass, where the amount in controversy does not exceed fifty dollars.

On motion of Ford, of St. Mary's

Leave was given the St. Mary's county delegation, to bring in a bill entitled, a further supplement to an act to abolish the levy court of St. Mary's county, and to provide for the election of commissioners for said county by the people thereof, 1838, ch. 67.

On motion of Mr. Springer,

Leave was granted the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, to bring in a bill entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, an act to confirm the titles of purchasers in the cases therein mentioned.

Mr. Frazier from the select committee, reported a bill entitled, a further additional supplement to an act entitled, an act to regulate pilots, and to establish their fees, passed November session 1803, ch. 63; and

Mr. Neff from the select committee, reported a bill entitled, an act to incorporate the Frostburg coal company;

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

Mr. Williams, of Baltimore city, from the select committee, to which was recommitted the bill entitled, an act to exempt the free negroes in the city of Baltimore from the operation of an act therein mentioned, reported the same with the following amendments;