

Thursday, February 2, 1826.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill directing the priority of payment of the debts of persons dying within this state, so far as the same relates to the state of Delaware, was sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Stevens, Richard Williams was appointed door-keeper pro tem. during Mr. Quynn's indisposition.

Mr. M'Culloh presents a petition from sundry citizens of Reister's-town, and its vicinity, praying a charter may be granted to Washington Academy at Reister's town, in Baltimore county; referred to Messrs. M'Culloh, Shower, Worthington, Turner, Merrick, Edelen and Farquhar.

Mr. Howard presents a petition from Jane Atkinson, for a divorce; referred to the standing committee on similar petitions.

Mr. Barnes presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying that the levy court of said county may be authorised to levy a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned; referred to Messrs. Barnes, Cockey and Sappington.

Mr. Harlan obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the contemplated bridge over the river Susquehanna, at Conowingo creek, to the Pennsylvania line. Ordered, That Messrs. Harlan, Montgomery and Thomas, report the same.

Mr. Barrette obtains leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to abolish the evil practice of free negroes and mulattoes of this state from dealing with slaves. Ordered, That Messrs. Barrette, Duvall and Maxcy, report the same.

Mr. Barrette presents a petition from Winney Files, of Prince George's county, for support; referred to the committee on similar petitions.

Mr. Hall delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Bradford, late sheriff of Harford county, have had the same under consideration, and think the prayer of the petitioner reasonable; they therefore beg leave to make the following report:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore, in the final settlement of the accounts of Samuel Bradford, late sheriff of Harford county, allow him the usual commissions for collecting public moneys, for the year 1824, and also release him from the payment of interest on the balance of his account for the same year.

Which was read.

Mr. Gilpin delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, praying an alteration of the mode of collecting officers fees, beg leave to report—That as a bill for a similar purpose is now before this house, and as the prayer of the petitioners is embraced in said bill, they would recommend that the committee appointed on said petition be dissolved, and that the same be referred to the committee who have reported said bill. And the committee, conceiving the prayer of the petitioners to be just and reasonable, and the alteration prayed for to be of great importance to the citizens of this state, would further recommend the passage of the bill already reported to this house.

Which was read and concurred with.