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A memorial from Jeremiah T. Chase, chief judge of the third judicial district, praying a compensation for his services in the capacity of chancellor, was preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Sturgis delivers a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for appointing a wreckmaster in Worcester county; which was read.

The bill authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of finishing the steeple of Saint-John's church in Elizabeth-town, in Washington county, and for other purposes, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Shaaff delivers a favourable report on the first memorial of Jeremiah T. Chase; which was read.

The bill authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of building a bridge over the river Monocacy in Frederick county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Biggs delivers a bill, entitled, An act to punish blasphemers, swearers, drunkards and sabbath breakers, and for repealing the laws heretofore made for the punishing such offenders; which was read.

Mr. Little delivers a favourable report on the petition of Robert C. Stone, and others; which was read.

The further supplement to the act for appointing a wreckmaster in Worcester county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Dorsey delivers a bill, entitled, An act for founding a medical college in the city or precincts of Baltimore for the instruction of students in the different branches of medicine; which was read.

The bill for the relief of John Burgoyne, of Cecil county, was read the second time and passed.

The clerk of the senate delivers the report of the trustees of Charlotte Hall school; which was read and referred. Also the bill to confirm an act, entitled, An act to alter, change and repeal, such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as relate to the division of Saint-Mary's county into electoral districts, and the bill to revive and amend the proceedings of the orphans court of Saint-Mary's county, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And the bill for the relief of Thomas Dilworth, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The house adjourns till Monday morning.

MONDAY, November 23, 1807.

THE house met. Present as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Blake appeared in the house. Mr. William Darne, a delegate from Montgomery county, appeared, qualified, and took his seat.

The bill for the benefit of John Burgoyne, and the further supplement to the act for appointing a wreckmaster in Worcester county, were sent to the senate.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying commissioners to be appointed to lay out and open a certain road, and a memorial from the commissioners for the erection of a penitentiary, praying a further sum for the completion of the same, and that the levy court may exchange a small part of the penitentiary lot, were preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Kerr, Mr. P. Spencer, Mr. Boon, Mr. Welch, Mr. Brice and Mr. W. Moffitt, have leave of absence.

The bill to make valid the will of Arthur M. Dade, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

A petition from the trustees of Hillsborough school, in Caroline county, praying they may be authorised to bind out certain poor children, that the estates of persons dying intestate without relations may be applied to the education of poor children at said school, and an appropriation of a small sum of money annually to said school, was preferred, read, and referred.

The following message was sent to the senate.

We have appointed Messieurs T. B. Dorsey, Little, C. Dorsey, Shaaff and Bruce, a committee on the part of this house on the memorial of the commissioners for the building of the penitentiary, and viewing the subject matter thereof as an object of the first magnitude and importance to the state of Maryland at large, propose to you that a committee be appointed on the part of the senate, to join the committee appointed by this house, as a joint committee to view and examine the subject matter of said memorial, and to report thereon.

A memorial from Richard Choate, supervisor of the public roads in Baltimore county, stating that his books, accounts and receipts, were destroyed by fire, and praying the levy court may be authorised to close his account for the present year without the production of them, and a memorial from the justices of the levy court of said county, praying they may be authorised to apply part of the dividends from the turnpike roads to the support of the criminals on said roads, were preferred, read, and referred.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the relief of John Troxal, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And the resolution in favour of Keally Tydings, endorsed, "dissented from."

Mr. Sudler delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Alfred Jones, of Queen-Anne's county; which was read.

A memorial from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, praying a law may pass incorporating a company for insuring buildings and personal property from loss by fire, and a petition from the president, managers and company, of the Baltimore and Frederick-town turnpike roads, stating that they are willing to erect a bridge over Monocacy, and praying they

may be authorised to receive toll for passing the same, were preferred, read, and referred.

Leave given to bring in a bill to punish crimes, offences and misdemeanors, committed on the waters of the Chesapeake bay within the territorial jurisdiction of the state of Maryland, and for other purposes.

On motion, the question was put, That the words "and for other purposes" be stricken out? Determined in the negative.

On motion, the question was put, That the committee consist of five? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the committee consist of three? Resolved in the affirmative, and a committee was appointed accordingly.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying that the president, managers and company, of the Baltimore and Frederick-town turnpike roads, may be authorised by law to open a subscription for turnpiking a certain road, was preferred, read, and referred.

Leave given to bring in a bill to increase the allowance of jurymen in the several counties therein mentioned, a bill to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the residence of voters, and a bill to increase the allowance of justices of the orphans courts in the several counties in this state.

Mr. Streett delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act to appoint and authorise commissioners to review and lay out a part of the road therein mentioned, in Harford county; which was read.

The bill for removing an obstruction in Conewago street, and for extending the width and changing the direction of Ten Feet Lane in the city of Baltimore, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

A petition from Charles Elder, of Anne-Arundel county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Hawkins delivers an unfavourable report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Frederick county; which was twice read and concurred with.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the supplement to the act to punish blasphemers, from selling any corn, wheat or tobacco, without having a license for that purpose from a justice of the peace, and after making some alteration therein, the question was put, That the said bill be postponed for further consideration? Resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill directing the register of wills for Baltimore county to deliver over to the persons therein named the last will and testament of Robert Burney, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also the resolution in favour of John Trueman, endorsed, "dissented from." And the following message.

We have dissented from your resolution in favour of John Trueman. If your house will originate a resolution, giving to him the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, and the like sum to the widow of Edward Roberts, late messenger of the senate, to be applied by her to the support and maintenance of herself and family, it will meet our concurrence. It is represented to us, that the said Edward Roberts was a brave and most meritorious soldier during the revolutionary war. The members of the senate, acquainted with his services as their late officer, bear ample testimony to his attentive and faithful discharge of his duties as their messenger, and his family are left in a very indigent and destitute situation.

And also the following message:

We agree to your proposition of a joint committee of both branches of the legislature on the subject of your message of this day; and have appointed Mr. Partridge, Mr. Somervell and Mr. Lowrey, a committee on the part of the senate, to join the gentlemen named by your house.

Which was read.

Leave given to bring in a further supplement to the act to regulate elections.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, November 24, 1807.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday, except Mr. Kerr, Mr. P. Spencer, Mr. Boon, Mr. Welch, Mr. Brice and Mr. W. Moffitt. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Prince-George's county, praying a certain road may be made public, a petition from a number of proprietors of lots on the north side of and adjoining the city of Baltimore, praying that said lots may be annexed to, and incorporated as a part of, said city, and a petition from James West, of the city of Baltimore, praying an act of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Little delivers a bill, entitled, An act to extend Centre-street in the western precincts of the city of Baltimore, and to build a bridge therein across Jones's Falls; which was read.

Mr. Tabbs delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the vestry of the German evangelic Lutheran congregation in and about Elizabeth-town, at Saint-John's church in Washington county; which was read.

Mr. W. H. Brown delivers a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate elections; which was read.

The following order was read.

Ordered, That John Trueman, late a revolutionary officer, and now peculiarly distressed by want, be appointed assistant door-keeper to the house of delegates.

And the question was put, That the house assent to the same? Determined in the negative, yeas 18, nays 39.

The following message was read.

We have received your dissent to the resolution originated in this house in favour of John Trueman, a veteran of 1776. We should urge to you as an inducement to reconsider the same, the claims which he has upon the justice and liberality of the state, if your message did not recognise them.

The house of delegates entertain a high sense of the propriety and policy of acting with a liberality and justice becoming a wealthy and dignified state, towards those who have spent the prime of their lives in the service of their country; and whenever any individual, or the representatives of such, shall approach this house, with a claim sanctioned by justice and gratitude, they will meet with a prompt attention, and a disposition to extend to them a remuneration equal, if not superior, to their just demands. But, notwithstanding this disposition to act with munificence, we cannot consent to gratify it, by the adoption of a mode which we consider totally inconsistent with the independence essential to correct legislation.

We entertain a high respect for the senate of Maryland, as a co-ordinate branch of the government, and when we say, that the alternative offered by your message, if adopted, may establish a precedent which we consider will be beneath the dignity of the legislative body of Maryland, we beg to be understood as not depreciating from that respect. The sum of twenty-five dollars is not an object of state concern, but to Trueman it may be an object of great importance.

We flatter ourselves, that when you see the solicitude which this house manifests in favour of John Trueman, you will, upon reconsideration, gratify the resolution, and reward a meritorious officer.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the relief and benefit of the poor, and trustees of the poor, of Washington county, the bill to alter the time of holding the county courts of Queen-Anne's county, the supplement to the act relating to the public roads in the several counties therein mentioned, and the bill to lay out and make a public road in Baltimore county, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of building a bridge across the river Monocacy, in Frederick county, and the bill authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of finishing the steeple of Saint-John's church in Elizabeth-town, in Washington county, and for other purposes, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were agreed to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county, praying for a public road, was preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. T. Dorsey delivers the following resolution:

Resolved, That the justices of the levy court for Baltimore county be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to use and apply the whole, or such part as may be necessary, of the dividends received by them from the Baltimore and Frederick-town turnpike road company, and the Baltimore and Reister's-town turnpike road company, towards defraying the expenses incurred by the maintenance and support of criminals confined to labour on the public roads of Baltimore county.

Which was twice read and assented to.

Mr. C. Dorsey delivers a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the amendment of the law; which was read.

A petition from Annatia Campbell, of Montgomery county, praying a support for her sister Jaz Bradman, and a petition from Alexis Boone, late sheriff of Prince-George's county, praying a further time to complete his collection, were preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Streett delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to lay out and make a public road from the Black House to the Pennsylvania line in Harford county; which was read.

Mr. Steuart delivers a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate a Fire Insurance Company in the city of Baltimore; which was read.

A petition from Thomas Stinchcomb, of Anne-Arundel county, praying a divorce, was preferred, read, and referred.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

Captain Williams, arrived at Salem from Leghorn, confirms the account of the capture of that city by the French; of their laying an embargo which continued until the 16th of September, when it was taken off. He informs, that, Lord Paget, the English minister, was negotiating at Constantinople, with a prospect of success; being backed by Lord Collingwood with 16 sail of the line; who had taken the island of Tenedos, (recently restored to the Turks by Russia) with 6 or 7 sail of the line; that a French army of 60,000 men which had been on the march to Naples, supposed to be ultimately destined against Sicily, had halted, and this was attributed at Leghorn to appearances unfavourable to the French in other parts of Europe. The discontents at Peterburg it was expected would produce a change there in favour of the war party; and it was confidently believed that England would still be able again to combine with Austria and Russia against France, to which the powerful diversion she had made at Constantinople would probably contribute. Such was the view of affairs at Leghorn on the 1st of October. [Boston Pop.]

Numerous letters from Halifax, state that orders have been received there from England, to organize the militia, and put the fortifications in repair. One hundred militia were employed daily in assisting at the works: and large reinforcements were expected. [Ibid.]