

Mr. Holbrook delivers a bill, entitled, An act to build a bridge, and open a road, in Caroline county; which was read.

Mr. Harryman delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorizing a lottery to raise a sum of money for the vestry of Saint-John's parish, in Harford and Baltimore counties; which was read.

The bill to open and make a public road to Graceham, in Frederick county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

A petition from George P. Hinckle, of Allegany county, stating, that he purchased a tract of land of Thomas Beall, of Samuel, surveyed for him by virtue of a warrant obtained by John Swan, but no patent can issue, as the said Swan denies having made any assignment of said warrant, and praying relief, and a petition from William Kerr, of Baltimore county, praying an act of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred.

Ordered, That the report on the memorial of Jeremiah T. Chafe, be recommitted for amendment.

Mr. W. H. Broad delivers a favourable report on the report of the trustees of Charlotte Hall school; which was read.

A petition from Martha Gandy, of Frederick county, praying a divorce, and a petition from sundry inhabitants of Denton, in Caroline county, praying additional powers to the commissioners thereof, and that the money arising from licenses to retailers may be applied to the benefit of said village, was preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Shaaff delivers the report on the memorial of Jeremiah T. Chafe, as amended; which was read.

Ordered, That the same have a second reading on Friday next.

The house adjourns till Monday morning.

MONDAY, December 14, 1807.

THE house met. Present as on Saturday, except the speaker.

The house proceeded to ballot for a speaker pro tem, and upon examining the ballots appeared, that Levin Winder, Esquire, was unanimously elected.

The proceedings of Saturday were read.

A petition from William Role, James Booker and Philemon Willis, praying to be released as securities of William S. Bond for the purchase of land by him from the state, on their relinquishing their title thereto, was preferred, read, and referred.

The bill for the benefit of James Griffin, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill to prevent swine from going at large in the town of Belle-Air, in Harford county, was read the second time, and the question put, That the same be recommitted? Resolved in the affirmative.

A petition from the convention of the protestant episcopal church in Maryland, praying they may be vested with corporate powers, a petition from the same, praying the legislature to adopt some measures to prevent gambling, and a memorial from Nicholas Brewer, register in chancery, stating that the room occupied for his office is too small, and praying, that another in the west corner of the state-house may be finished for the said office, were preferred, read, and referred.

The clerk of the senate delivers a memorial from bishop Clagett, and others, the convention of the protestant episcopal church in Maryland, suggesting the impropriety of granting divorces; which was read.

The bill for the benefit of the joined evangelic lutheran and evangelic presbyterian congregation of Saint-Paul's church, in Washington county, the bill to authorize the drawing of a lottery within the city of Baltimore for the purpose therein mentioned, the supplement to the act authorizing a lottery for raising a sum of money for the rector and vestry of Saint-Thomas's parish, in Baltimore county, the bill to confirm certain deeds of conveyance made to Joseph Leonard, and other persons therein named, and the bill to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the poor of Montgomery county, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The bill authorizing a lottery for raising a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned, endorsed, "will not pass." And the resolution in favour of Evans Willing, endorsed, "differed from."

Leave given to bring a supplement to an act respecting runaway negroes, and for other purposes.

The bill to lay out, straighten and confirm, a certain road in Harford county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. J. Brown delivers a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and make public a road in Queen-Anne's county; which was read.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, December 15, 1807.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Ordered, That Mr. Shaaff and Mr. Stone be added to the committee appointed on the petition of William Gwinn; and the counter memorial of John Swan.

Leave given to bring in a further supplement to the act to alter the mode of collecting the county tax in Harford county, and for other purposes.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to open and make public a road to Graceham, in Frederick county, and the bill to lay out and make a public road in Baltimore county, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to the public roads in Queen-Anne's county, endorsed, "will pass;" which was read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the eastern precincts of Baltimore, counter to the petition for the enlargement of the city of Baltimore, was preferred, read, and referred.

The supplement to the act to open and extend a road leading from Whittingham's bridge, at Princess-Anne-town, in Somerset county, to the plantation of George Pollit, deceased, &c. was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Ordered, That the second reading of the bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, be postponed until to-morrow.

A petition from George Fitzhugh, of Baltimore county, praying compensation for a negro man who was committed for an attempt to murder, and who made his escape, a petition from sundry inhabitants of Prince-George's county, praying for a road, and a petition from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, stating that an act passed in 1805, authorizing a lottery for their benefit, and praying that certain persons may be authorized to carry the same into effect, were preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Stone delivers a favourable report on the petition of Catherine Johnson; which was twice read, and the resolution therein assented to, and sent to the senate.

Leave given to bring in a bill to change the place of holding the election in the first district in Baltimore county.

The supplement to the act to lay out and make a public road from the Black House to the Pennsylvania line, in Harford county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Kerr delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Stephen Reynier, an insolvent debtor; which was read.

The report on the petition of Thomas D. Cockey, and others, was read the second time, the resolution therein assented to, and sent to the senate.

Leave given to withdraw the petition of Jasper E. Tilly.

Leave given to bring in a bill for the relief of Mary Gwinn, of Frederick county.

The report on the petition of John Maloy, was read the second time, the resolution therein assented to, and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill authorizing the justices of the levy court of Baltimore county to lease and exchange the property therein mentioned, the supplement to the act authorizing the collection of certain ground-rents due on lots in the town of Cumberland, the bill for the benefit of James Griffin, the bill for the benefit of John Burgoyne, and the bill to provide for the transcribing and recording certain records and papers in the register's office of Kent county, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the making passable, through Baltimore county, the public road laid out from the city of Baltimore to the town of Belle-Air, in Harford county, endorsed, "will pass;" which was read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Dorchester county, praying for a road, was preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Borwood delivers the bill to prevent swine from going at large in the town of Belle-Air, in Harford county, as amended; which was read twice, passed, and sent to the senate.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Clarkesburg, in Montgomery county, praying a law to prevent swine and poultry from going at large therein, was preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Hawkins delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Mary Gwinn, of Frederick county; which was read.

The amendments proposed to the bill authorizing Benjamin Ray, late sheriff and collector of Montgomery county, to complete his collection, were read the second time, the first agreed to, and the second and third differed from.

Mr. J. Williams delivers an unfavourable report on the petition of William M. Beavans; which was twice read, and concurred with.

The following message was sent to the senate, with the bill therein mentioned.

We return you the bill authorizing Benjamin Ray, late sheriff and collector of Montgomery county, to complete his collection, with our negative to the two last amendments proposed by your body, and hope, that upon a reconsideration of the same, it will meet with your concurrence.

Mr. Hall delivers a favourable report on the petition of Rinaldo Johnson; which was read.

The report on the petition of Thomas Meredith was read the second time, and the resolution therein assented to.

Mr. Boon delivers a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for erecting a village at Choptank Bridge, in Caroline county, and for other purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time by special order, and passed.

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

Mr. Little delivers a bill, entitled, An act to confirm a certain road in Baltimore county; which was read.

Mr. Boster delivers a bill, entitled, An act to increase the allowance of the justices of the orphans courts in the several counties of this state; which was read.

On motion, the question was put, That the house adjourn? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 25, nays 22.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

The London Sun says "the value of English property confiscated by the French at Leghorn, and other parts of Tuscany, amounts to ten millions of dollars."

APPOINTMENTS.

By the Governor and Council of Maryland, December, 1807.

Joshua Frederick Cockey, major in 7th reg. Baltimore.
Stephen Wheeler, capt. Amon Bosley, lieutenant. John Griffith, ensign, do. do. do.
Abraham Hicks Price, capt. Stephen Price, lieutenant. Salathiel Cole, ensign, do. do. do.
Michael Grate, capt. John Counselman, of Frederick, lieutenant. Elias Choate, ensign, do. do. do.
William Jamison, capt. Sempel Clark, lieutenant. George Fisher, ensign, do. do. do.
George Harryman, quartermaster, do. do. do.
John Rine, quartermaster and Charles H. L. Brocoe, paymaster, in the 50th reg. Allegany.
George Walker, capt. John M. Kenny, lieutenant. Samuel Driver, ensign, 42d reg. Harford county.
James Stevenson, capt. Robert Hawkins, lieutenant. David Silver, ensign, do. do. do.
James Archer, surgeon of the 40th reg. Harford county.

Thomas Daffin, capt. Philip Richardson, lieutenant. William Boon, 2d lieutenant. James Straughan, corporal, of a troop of horse, Cardline county.

Hugh Taylor, capt. Christopher Plummer, lieutenant. William Brown, ensign, 19th reg. Caroline county.

William H. Brown, paymaster, to 13th reg. St. Mary's, Thomas Purnell, of William, wretcher, in Worcester county.

From Lang's (N. Y.) Gazette.

It appears by the Courier of the 22d of October, that the British government have issued a proclamation, declaring the attack on the Chesapeake an authorized act. As our papers are irregular we have not the one which contains the proclamation. Several of the London papers, however, observe of it, and say, "His majesty's ministers have abandoned a valuable right without an equivalent." And that the proclamation concedes too much to America; other papers advocate the precise tenor of this proclamation.

The Globe, of the 22d of October, says, that some individuals connected in the shipping interest, applied to government for information respecting our dispute with America. One of them received from the highest commercial authorities in the administration, a letter, expressing the opinion, that there is every reason to indulge the expectation of a speedy and satisfactory arrangement with America.

From a Norfolk paper of December 4.

An occurrence of yesterday, says the Public Ledger has excited some interest, arising from the recollection of a recent circumstance; we shall state to our readers the particulars of the occurrence of yesterday, as they have been related to us, as we believe to be correct.

A French seaman, belonging to the French ship L'Impetueux, the ship that was destroyed by the British on this coast, had sometime since entered at Baltimore, on board one of the gun-boats in the service of the United States. Yesterday he deserted and got on board the tender of the French ship L'Patriot, declaring his wish to return into the service of his country. The officer commanding the gun-boat discovered, and demanded the seaman, when the French officer refused to deliver him. Some discussion was when the American officer departed, under an expectation, or a promise that the man should not be removed until the affair could be represented to commodore Decatur. While the officer was on board the Chesapeake, waiting the orders of commodore Decatur, and for a letter which he was then writing to the French commander, the Patriot's boat passed by the seaman in question on board, upon which orders were issued by the commodore, to man one of the Chesapeake's boats, and pursue the French boat, with orders to his officer to endeavour to prevail on the French officer to return and come alongside the Chesapeake, but to bring the deserter back at all costs. Upon the boat's getting alongside some altercation ensued, partly, we understand, by accident, and without design to injure or offend.

The French officer, we understand, agreed to return to the Chesapeake. Afterwards some correspondence took place between commodore Decatur, and the commander of the Patriot, the contents of which we are not informed of. We understand that both officers here, the one in refusing, and the other insisting, result however is, that the man was taken and carried on board the Chesapeake, where he now remains at the pleasure of government shall be known.

Such is a concise state of the facts, as related in unpleasant business, upon which we mean to offer remarks, except to repeat what we have done on other occasions, that the employment of foreign particularly deserters, will generally be productive of mischief, and it is to be lamented, that the commanding officers are not invested by government with power to act according to the justice of the case, when they are satisfied.

Accounts of this affair went off by the mail to the navy department, and the French minister.

SOMETHING NEW!

We hear from Exeter, that on Saturday last there was an acre and a half of high land, belonging to Mr. Lyford, near the Roundabouts, about twenty-five feet from the surface of the earth, which excited great surprise in all those who have seen it, and no cause is assigned for this extraordinary phenomenon.

[Portsmouth (N. H.) Gazette.]