

try, and a denial of our dearest and most estimable privileges, threaten to commit our peace with the British nation, we conceive that sound policy and national justice require, that the sentiments and feelings of the people of the state of Maryland should be communicated to the executive of the United States, through the medium of their legislature; we therefore propose, with the concurrence of your honourable body, to appoint a joint committee of both branches of the legislature to frame an address to the President of the United States, appropriate to the present occasion, and have nominated Mr. Somervell, Mr. Partridge and Mr. Glenn, to join such gentlemen as may be appointed by your house for that purpose.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore and Harford counties, praying for a road, a petition from sundry inhabitants of the fourth election district in Montgomery county, praying an alteration in the place of holding the election, a petition from Samuel D. Beck, of Prince-George's county, praying to be supported out of the poor-house, a petition from Hannah Hall, of Cecil county, praying for the sale of the real estate of John Hall, sen. late deceased, a petition from John Hebb, of Saint-Mary's county, praying an act of insolvency, a petition from Sylvester Brady, counter to the petition of Ezekiel Jones, and others, for a road, and a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, counter to the petition praying the repeal of the law passed last session relative to a road from Underhill's mill, were preferred, read, and referred.

The bill for recording certain wills in the register's office of Worcester county, was read the second time, and passed.

The amendment to the bill authorizing Alexis Boone, late sheriff of Prince-George's county, to complete his collection, was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Hawkins delivers a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and open a road in Frederick county; which was read.

Mr. Bayard delivers a bill, entitled, An act to alter, change and abolish, all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the time of the meeting of the general assembly, and for other purposes; which was read.

Mr. Page delivers a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and make a public road from Thomas Richardson's mill, in Montgomery county, to intersect the main road leading to the town of Bladensburg, in Prince-George's county; which was read.

The report on the petition of Gassaway Watkins was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith, and assent to the resolution therein contained? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 48, nays 16.

The following message was read:

We concur with you in the opinion, that it would be expedient, at the present precarious and alarming situation of our relations with the different countries of Europe, for the legislature to forward an address to the executive of the United States, expressive of the sentiments and feelings of the people of Maryland on this all important subject, and on the part of the house of delegates, Messieurs — have been appointed to join the members chosen by the senate as a committee to prepare the address.

Ordered, That Mr. W. H. Brown and Mr. Belt be added to the committee appointed on the petition of Notley Maddox.

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

The further supplement to the act relating to public roads in Queen-Anne's county, was read the second time, and passed.

On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state; Mr. Hawkins in the chair. After sometime spent therein, the speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hawkins reported, that the committee had taken into consideration the subject matter referred to them, and had made several amendments, and reported the said bill with the amendments.

On motion, the question was put, That the said bill have a second reading on Tuesday next? Determined in the negative.

On motion, the question was then put, That the same be printed? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

The house adjourns till Monday morning.

MONDAY, December 21, 1807.

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

The bill authorizing and directing the sales of certain lands lying in Worcester county, and belonging to William Fleming, deceased, the bill for recording certain wills in the register's office of Worcester county, the further supplement to the act relating to the public roads in Queen-Anne's county, the resolution in favour of John Wilkins, and the resolution in favour of Gassaway Watkins, were sent to the senate.

Ordered, That the message relative to an address to the President of the United States be withdrawn.

The following message was read.

We concur with you in the opinion that it would be expedient to appoint a joint committee of both branches of the legislature to prepare an address to the President of the United States, and on the part of the house of delegates Messieurs — are appointed to join the members chosen by the senate for that purpose.

Mr. T. B. Dorsey, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Tabbs, Mr. Kerr and Mr. Mitchell, were appointed by ballot a committee for the above purpose, and the question was

put, That the house agree to the said message? Resolved in the affirmative, and the message sent to the senate.

Mr. P. Spencer has leave of absence.

A petition from Rebecca English, of Montgomery county, praying to be supported out of the poor-house, and petitions from Denwood Hicks and William Ennalls, of Dorchester county, praying a further time for the payment of balances due by them to the state, were preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Kerr delivers a favourable report on the petition of Nicholas Brewer; which was read.

Mr. Page delivers a bill, entitled, An act to confirm ascertain road therein mentioned; which was read.

A petition from George Handy, register of wills, and William Done, clerk, of Somerset county, praying that they may have public offices built at the expense of the county, and a petition from Joshua C. Higgins, of Anne-Arundel county, praying he may be authorized to collect the balances due Jasper E. Tilly, as sheriff, were preferred, read, and referred.

The bill to lay out and make a public road in Queen-Anne's county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Dorchester county, praying a law to prevent the fixing weirs or hedges across Cabin creek, was preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Biggs delivers an unfavourable report on the petition of Martha Gandy; which was twice read and concurred with.

A petition from Mary Watkins, of Montgomery county, praying to be supported out of the poor-house; was preferred, read, and referred.

The following order was read.

Ordered, That for the remainder of the session no member shall have leave of absence unless the same be asked for in person, and that the committee of claims strike every member off the journal of accounts the day after he leaves the city.

And the question was put, That the house agree to the first part thereof, as far as the word "person?" Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the house agree to the residue of the said order? Determined in the negative.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill to incorporate a fire insurance company in the city of Baltimore, which being amended, and read throughout, the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

The report on the petition of George P. Hinckle was read the second time, and the resolution therein assented to.

The bill to quiet the possessions and fix the lines of the lots of ground fronting on the west side of Philpot-street, between Will-street and Thames-street, in the city of Baltimore, was read the second time, and passed.

On the second reading of the bill relative to writs of *capias ad satisfaciendum*, the question was put, that the same be recommitted for amendment? Resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the committee which prepared and brought in said bill be discharged, and that Mr. T. Dorsey, Mr. Blakistone and Mr. Sudler, be a committee to amend the same.

A petition from John Woolford, and others, of Dorchester county, praying that part of the real estate of Levin Woolford, deceased, may be sold, a petition from Richard Trimble, of Baltimore county, praying the will of Mary Davidson may be confirmed, and a petition from Daniel Forney, of Baltimore county, praying compensation for a turnpike road running through his land, were preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Henry delivers a favourable report on the petition of Denwood Hicks and William Ennalls; which was twice read, and the resolution therein assented to.

A petition from John C. Bond, late sheriff of Harford county, praying to be indulged in the payment of a balance due by him to the state, and to be released from the additional nine per cent. due thereon, was preferred, read, and referred.

The further supplement to the act to incorporate an insurance company in Baltimore-town, was read the second time, and passed.

On the second reading of the bill for the relief of Nathaniel L. Chew, Peter Miles and Robert Nesbit, of Baltimore county, the question was put, That the house adjourn? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, December 22, 1807.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday, except Mr. P. Spencer. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill for the relief of Nathaniel L. Chew, Peter Miles and Robert Nesbit, the further supplement to the act to incorporate an insurance company in Baltimore-town, the bill to quiet the possessions and fix the lines of the lots of ground fronting on the west side of Philpot-street, between Will-street and Thames-street, in the city of Baltimore, the bill to incorporate a fire insurance company in the city of Baltimore, the resolution in favour of George P. Hinckle, and the resolution in favour of Denwood Hicks and William Ennalls, were sent to the senate.

The bill for the relief of Mary Gwinn, and the bill to lay out and open a road in Frederick county, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. W. Moffitt delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Henry Waller, of Kent county; which was read.

The bill to lay out and make a public road in Baltimore county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Charles county, praying a lottery for the purpose of repairing the church in Part-Tobacco parish, a petition from John Smith Brooks, of Prince-George's county, praying that a certain certificate may be received in part payment of a debt due by him to the state, and a petition from the managers of the Baltimore general dispensary, praying to be incorporated, and to receive pecuniary aid from the state for the benefit thereof, were preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Streett delivers an unfavourable report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying that a certain road, or part thereof, may be reviewed; which was twice read and concurred with.

A petition from Edward Reynolds, of Calvert county, praying that his claim against W. and R. Mollison may be paid, was preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Steuart delivers a bill, entitled, An act to confirm the will of Mary Davidson, of the city of Baltimore, deceased; which was read.

Leave given to bring in a bill to authorize the levy court of Charles county to levy a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned, and a bill to authorize the levy court of Anne-Arundel county to levy a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned.

Mr. T. Moffitt delivers a bill, entitled, An act in favour of the representatives of Richard Hall, late of Cecil county, deceased; which was read.

Mr. Forwood delivers a favourable report on the petition of John C. Bond; which was twice read and sent to the senate.

Mr. Forwood delivers a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and make public a road therein mentioned in Harford county; which was read.

The bill to alter all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the residence of voters, was read the second time, and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 45, nays 8, and sent to the senate.

A petition from Clement Richards, of the city of Annapolis, an old soldier, praying half pay, was preferred, read, and referred.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill authorizing Robert Leatherbury, of Somerset county, to complete his collection, and the bill to lay out and make a public road in Anne-Arundel county, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also a letter from the governor, enclosing certain resolutions of the state of Vermont; which was read and referred. Also a letter from the register of the land-office, enclosing an account of taxes received by him; which was read.

A petition from Henry Shock, of the city of Baltimore, stating that he applied for an act of insolvency, and praying he may be protected from arrest until he can receive the benefit thereof, was preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Harryman delivers a favourable report on the petition of George Fitzhugh.

Mr. Merrick delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Elisha Hopkins, of Anne-Arundel county; which was read.

Mr. Little delivers a bill, entitled, An act to enable Margaret Hammond and Harriet Hammond, of Baltimore county, to erect a bridge across Patapsco river, at a place called Hammond's ferry; which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Leave given to bring in a supplement to the act for the valuation of real and personal property within this state.

A petition from Benjamin Morris, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred.

Ordered, That the bill to alter, change and abolish, all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the time of the meeting of the general assembly, and for other purposes, have a second reading on the 31st instant; and that the bill to abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the time and manner of electing the senate, and the mode of filling up vacancies in that body, have a second reading on the 30th instant.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the further supplement to the act for amending, and reducing into system, the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, &c. and, on motion, ordered, That the said bill be recommitted for amendment.

Leave given to bring in a supplement to the act compelling the proprietors of lots binding on the water at the west end of the basin in the city of Baltimore to extend and improve the same.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, counter to the petition for a certain road, was preferred, read, and referred.

The supplement to the act authorizing the drawing a lottery to defray the expenses of building a masonic hall in the city of Baltimore, was read the second time, and passed.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the additional supplement to the act to ascertain the allowance of jurymen and witnesses, &c. and after amending the same, the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, the question was put, That the report on the petition of Rinaldo Johnson now have a second reading? Determined in the negative.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

Capt. Pendergraft, of the ship Brutus, arrived at N. York on Saturday evening in 26 days from Liverpool, informs that a British fleet had captured 14 (14) of Spaniards in the Mediterranean.