

Mr. Long delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Somerset county praying that a law may pass for the encouragement of internal improvements; which was read and referred to Messrs. Long, Dennis and Carroll.

Mr. Lanham moved the following leave, which was read and ordered to lie on the table;

Leave given to bring in a bill to alter the election districts in this state for choosing representatives in congress and electors of president and vice-president of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Claude, the following order was read and adopted.

Ordered, That the seargeant at arms be and he is hereby authorised and directed, to have doors cut in the screen near the fire for the convenience and comfort of the members occupying the adjoining seats.

On motion by Mr. Stoddert, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the appointment of commissioners for the regulation and improvement of Charles-town, (commonly called Port-Town) in Charles county, and regulate a market at the said town. Ordered, That Messrs. Stoddert, Poy and Semmes, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Taney from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Sim Smith, of Frederick county, have taken the same into consideration, and beg leave to report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to pay to Joseph Sim Smith, late a cornet of a troop of horse in the revolutionary war, five hundred and eighty-four dollars, as full compensation for land claimed by the officers and soldiers of the Maryland line west of Fort Cumberland.

By order,

J. W. BORDLEY, Clk.

Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Dennis, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act supplementary to an act for regulating officers fees. Ordered, That Messrs. Dennis, Lecompte, Long, Kell and Stoddert, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill, entitled, An act to release the right of the state a part of a tract of land therein mentioned.

On motion by Mr. Stoddert, the question was put, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Blakistone delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the destruction of crows in Saint-Mary's county; which was read the first and second time by special order and passed.

Mr. Dennis delivers a bill, entitled, An act supplementary to an act for the regulation of officers fees; which was read.

The house adjourns until Monday morning 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, December 9, 1816.

The house met. Present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. The bill for the benefit of Alexander Moore of Cecil county; the bill to encourage the destruction of crows in St. Mary's county; and the bill to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year, were sent to the senate.

Henry A. Callis, esquire, a delegate from Prince-George's county; Robert J. H. Handy, esquire, a delegate from Worcester county; Robert Stevens, esquire, a delegate from Queen-Anne's county; John Chew, esquire, a delegate from Calvert county, and John Seth, esquire, a delegate from Talbot county, appeared, qualified, and took their seats.

Mr. Kell delivers a petition from the levy court of Baltimore county, praying that they may be authorised to levy a sum of money for the purpose of repairing the gaol in said county and to make certain alterations therein. Also a petition from the levy court of said county, praying to be authorised to dispose of certain property belonging to said county, and to purchase a tract of land, and to erect thereon a suitable house for the accommodation of the poor; which were severally read and referred to Messrs. Kell, Warner and Harryman. Also a petition from Robert Gorsuch, of Baltimore county, praying for further time to complete the collections of John Hutchins of the said county, deceased; which was read and referred to Messrs. Kell, Harryman and Price.

On motion by Mr. R. K. Watts, Ordered, That the committee of claims be and they are hereby authorised to procure six copies of the Index to the laws and resolutions of the state of Maryland, from 1800 to 1813, inclusive, for the use of the house of delegates, and place the same on the journal of accounts.

Mr. Kell delivers a petition from Hannah Redden, of the city of Baltimore, praying for a divorce; which was read and referred to Messrs. Kell, W. Stewart and Harrison.

Mr. Lecompte delivers a petition from Henrietta M. Robertson, of Dorchester county, praying for the return of certain lands of her deceased husband William M. Robertson; which was read and referred to Messrs. Lecompte, Griffith and Hart. Also a petition from Joseph Hayward, of said county, guardian to Levin Layton, praying for a sale of the interest of the said Levin Layton, one of the children of the late Levin Layton, in and to certain lands in said county; which was read and referred to Messrs. Lecompte, Griffith and Hart.

Mr. Hart delivers a petition from the devisees of William Insley, of Dorchester county, praying for a return of the real estate of the said William Insley; which was read and referred to Messrs. Hart, Lecompte and Pitt.

On motion by Mr. R. K. Watts, the following message was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 9, 1816.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

The constitution and form of government having directed that the governor of this state shall be chosen on the second Monday in December in each and every year, and this being the day prescribed, we propose, with the concurrence of your honourable body, to proceed to elect the governor of this state at 12 o'clock on Monday. General Charles Ridgely of Hampton, is put in nomination by this House; and we have appointed Messrs. R. K. Watts and Lecompte, to join such gentlemen as may be named by you to count the ballots and report thereon.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Clk.