

sors in office, the title to lot No. 156 in said town, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Kell delivers a memorial from the officers of the 3rd brigade of Maryland militia, praying for certain alterations in the militia law; which was read and referred to Messrs. Causin, Washington, Scott, Pitt, Martin, Pearce and Pigman.

On motion by Mr. Forrest, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act regulating the mode of taking special bail in the several county courts of this state. Ordered, That Messrs. Forrest, Causin and Stephen, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Digges delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorise Henry Ashton to make sale of certain slaves; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Harrison, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to amend and reduce into one system the laws of descents. Ordered, That Messrs. Harrison, Lecompte, Wilson, Causin and Bradford, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Gray delivers a petition from George G. Simmons, of Calvert county, praying permission to bring into this state two negro girls; which was read and referred to Messrs. Gray, Grahame and Weems.

On motion by Mr. Hynson, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act, entitled, An act to encourage the destruction of crows in the several counties therein mentioned, so far as it relates to Kent county. Ordered, That Messrs. Hynson, Neale and Eccleston, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Johnson delivers a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the city of Baltimore to Havre-de Grace; which was read.

Mr. Blakistone delivers a petition from James Cox, of Saint Mary's county, praying that a law may pass authorising the levy court of said county to levy a sum of money for the support of Elizabeth West; which was read and referred to Messrs. Blakistone, Jones and Watts.

The house proceeded to ballot for an Auditor to the state. The ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that Richard Lockerman was elected.

Mr. Washington delivers a petition from Priscilla Nicholls, of Montgomery county, praying for a law authorising some one of the courts in the city or county of Baltimore to value a certain negro named Ned who was sentenced to labour in the penitentiary, and that the valuation thereof may be assessed and paid to her; which was read and referred to Messrs. Washington, Gaither and Forrest.

The bill to authorise and require the trustees of the poor of Queen Anne's county to convey the land therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed.

The report in favour of James Hood, a revolutionary soldier, was read the second time, concurred in, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

On motion by Mr. Griffith, the house proceeded to the second reading of the report of the committee appointed to report the rules proper to be observed during this session.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the question was put, That the word "uncovered" in the second rule be stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Blakistone, the question was put, That the word "uncovered" be inserted after the word "rise" in the third rule? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Blakistone, the question was put, That the word "uncovered" be inserted after the word "place" in the 35th rule? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Jenifer, the question was put, That the thirty-fifth rule be stricken out? Determined in the negative.

The report having been read throughout, as amended, the question was put, That the house adopt the same? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Eccleston, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for preventing a nolle prosequi to be granted in any case whatever? Resolved in the affirmative.— Ordered, That Messrs. Eccleston, Kell and Wilson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the said bill.

On motion by Mr. Garner, the question was put, That the house reconsider the bill, entitled, An act to confirm and make valid the acts and proceedings of William Redding, as a justice of the peace for Kent county? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Kell, Ordered, That the said bill be recommitted to the committee who reported the bill for amendment.

The bill to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year, was read the second time and passed.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, December 11, 1817.

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

Mr. Claggett delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of the town of Upper-Marlborough, in Prince-George's county, praying for a repeal of the act to prevent geese and swine from going at large in the towns of Upper-Marlborough and Nottingham, so far as relates to Upper-Marlborough; which was read and referred to Messrs. Claggett, Semmes and Digges.

Mr. Scott delivers a petition from John Newmire, of Allegany county, praying for a special act of insolvency; which was read and referred to Messrs. Scott, Tomlinson and Pigman.

Mr. Schnebly delivers a petition from Henry Nyman, of Washington county, praying that his title to lot No. 12 in the town of Boonsborough may be confirmed; which was read and referred to Messrs. Schnebly, Kennedy and Sweitzer.

On motion by Mr. Pigman, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to amend and reduce into one the several acts of assembly relative to insolvent debtors. Ordered, That Messrs. Pigman, Lecompte and Somerville, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Kennedy from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of David Palmore, respectfully beg leave to report, that they have had the same under their consideration, and are unanimously of opinion that the said petitioner is eminently deserving of his country's support, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution: