

Mr. Woodyear delivers a petition from Matilda Mercer, and Stephen F. Donaldson and Priscilla his wife, praying for a law vesting in them the legal title to all that part of a lot of ground distinguished on the plat of Baltimore town by the number 639, which was conveyed to Thomas Spurrier for the use of a certain Sarah Griffith; which was read and referred to Messrs. Woodyear, Harrison and Stevens.

The bill for straightening a road in Sassa-ras Neck Cecil county; the bill to open and extend Chesnut-street in the city of Baltimore; the bill to authorise a lottery to raise a sum of money for completing the Severn Church in Anne-Arundel county the bill to confirm an act to alter and change all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the division of Allegany county in eight separate election districts, and the bill for the benefit of the heirs of John Harcastle, late of Caroline county, deceased, were severally read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Kell delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore, praying to have new scales for weighing of hay erected in that part of Baltimore called Old Town; which was read and referred to Messrs. Kell, Price and Johnson.

On motion by Mr. Woodyear, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act supplementary to an act, entitled, An act for amending and reducing into system the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans and other representatives of deceased persons. Ordered, That Messrs. Woodyear, Blakistone and Wilson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Blakistone delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Cole, sheriff of Saint-Mary's county; which was read.

Mr. Harrison delivers a petition from Gustavus W. T. Wright, and others, of Queen-Anne's county, praying for a law to empower the county court of said county to appoint commissioners to ascertain and establish a division of a tract of land called Maiden Hall, and for other purposes; which was read and referred to Messrs. Harrison, Lecompte, Wilson, Causin and Bradford.

Mr. Kell delivers a bill, entitled, An act relating to the levy court of Baltimore county; which was read the first and second time by special order, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Snowden delivers a petition from James Sewell a revolutionary soldier, praying compensation for his services; which was read and referred to Messrs. Snowden, Price and Johnson.

Mr. Pigman delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorise a lottery or lotteries in Frederick; also a bill, entitled, An act to make public a road in Frederick county, which were severally read.

The bill to lay out and make public a road therein mentioned in Frederick county; the bill for the re-valuation of real and personal property in the counties therein mentioned; and the bill for the relief of George G. Simmons, were severally read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Kell from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of the inspectors of the Penitentiary, beg leave to report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised and required, to negotiate for, and obtain from such bank or banks as may be willing to loan the same, a sum not exceeding forty thousand dollars, for the purpose of discharging the debts incurred by the inspectors of that institution in rebuilding the house and repairing the injuries occasioned by the late fire which happened therein, which loans this state engages to repay within two years with interest thereon.

By order,

J. YATES, Clk.

Which was read and ordered to be printed, together with the documents accompanying the same.

Mr. Pigman delivers a petition from William James Turner, of Frederick county; which was read and referred to Messrs. Pigman, Hawkins and Buckey

The bill from the senate entitled, An act for the improvement of the Baltimore Museum, was read the second time, passed, and returned to the senate.

Mr. Bradford delivers a bill, entitled, An act relating to the town of Belle-Air in Harford county; which was read.

The report on the petition of William Kindall, of Washington county, a revolutionary soldier, was read the second time, concurred with, the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Washington, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act further supplementary to an act respecting the bringing of slaves from the District of Columbia into this state. Ordered, That Messrs. Washington, Forrest and Gaither, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. Pearce, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act relating to public roads in this state, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned. Ordered, That Messrs. Pearce, Knight and Tyson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The report in favour of Patrick Allen, a revolutionary soldier, was read the second time, concurred in, the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate.

The bill respecting the Susquehanna Canal, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Blakistone, the following resolution was read the first and second time by special order and assented to.

Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby requested, to inquire into the probable expense that would be requisite to carry into effect the method proposed by the Reverend Neale H. Shaw, in his address to the legislature, for ascertaining the regular variation of the magnetic needle, including the erection of necessary structures, the purchase of instruments, and the annual salary of a person competent to make the observations, and also to select the place which in their opinion would be the most proper for the object contemplated, and report thereon to the next general assembly.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, December 18, 1817.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have appointed Messrs. Maxey and Winder, on the part of the senate, to join the gentlemen named by your house to wait on the governor elect, and request his attendance in the senate chamber, to qualify according to the constitution and form of government.

By order,

R. HARWOOD, Clk.

Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Griffith, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act, entitled, An act to repeal all that part of the constitution and form of government as relates to the division of D.