

Mr. Washington delivers a petition from Greenbury Howard, of Montgomery county, praying that the sale of certain lands made by him as guardian to the heirs of John Brown, deceased, may be confirmed; which was read and referred to Messrs. Washington, For est and Gaither.

Mr. Tomlinson delivers a petition from James Tidball, of Allegany county, praying permission to bring into this state certain negro slaves; which was read and referred to Messrs. Tomlinson, Scott and Cresap.

Mr. Garner delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Charles county, praying for a law declaring the road leading from the main road towards Pope's creek, on the Potomac river, to be a public road; which was read and referred to Messrs. Garner, Brawner and Jenifer.

Mr. Price delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore and Harford counties, praying for the rebuilding of the bridge at Patterson's mills on the Great Falls of Gunpowder; which was read and referred to Messrs. Price, Johnson and Showers.

Mr. Lecompte delivers a petition from Joseph Ennalls, of Dorchester county, praying a special act of insolvency; which was read and referred to Messrs. Lecompte, Stevens and Martin. Also a petition from the said Joseph Ennalls, praying to be allowed a reasonable allowance per acre for the deficiency of Lot No. 1 of the Choptank Indian lands purchased by him; which was read and referred to Messrs. Lecompte, Griffith and Martin.

On motion by Mr. Tidball, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to allow members of the orphans and levy courts, and the commissioners of the tax for Allegany county, itinerant charges for going to and returning from their respective courts and meetings. Ordered, That Messrs. Tidball, Tomlinson and Cresap, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Saulsbury from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Lucas, of Caroline county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the case is provided for by an act of the last session, entitled, An act to authorise the chancellor, and the several county courts of this state, to order and decree the sales of real estate of minors in cases therein mentioned, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order,

S. FOUNTAIN, Clk.

Which was read the first and second time by special order and concurred with.

Mr. Bradford from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Vachel Burgess, of the city of Baltimore, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration, and find that by a resolution passed at November session 1816, the treasurer of the western shore was directed to pay to the said Vachel Burgess, four years full pay as a captain, as a full compensation for his services during the revolutionary war. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that the prayer of the petitioner is unreasonable and ought not to be granted, and that he have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order,

J. W. BORDLEY, Clk.

Which was read the first and second time by special order and concurred with.

The bill enlarging the powers of the trustees of the poor of Harford county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Beard delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company under the name of the Nottingham Library Company; which was read.

Mr. Neale delivers a memorial from James Bowers, and others, commissioners of Chester-Town, praying that the tax imposed on billiard tables within the said county may be granted to the said commissioners; which was read and referred to Messrs. Neale, Hynson and Eccleston.

On motion by Mr. Woodyear, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing free schools in the several counties therein named. Ordered, That Messrs. Woodyear, Kell and Sewell, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Woodyear delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Matilda Mercer, Stephen F. Donaldson, and Priscilla Donaldson, of the city of Baltimore; which was read.

The bill to alter such parts of the declaration of rights, the constitution and form of government, as relate to the administration of oaths in certain cases, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill, entitled, A further addition and supplement to the act to incorporate the stockholders of the Mechanics Bank of Baltimore, endorsed, passed by the senate January 1, 1818; which was read. And the following resolution:

IN SENATE, January 2d, 1818.

Resolved, That all petitions, reports, documents and papers, (except bills) which may be hereafter ordered to be printed by either house for the use of the legislature, be printed in octavo form, of the same size as that now used for printing the votes and proceedings.

By order,

R. HARWOOD, Clk.

Which was read the first and second time by special order, assented to, and returned to the senate.

Mr. Kell delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, relative to making public a lot of ground at the intersection of Bridge and Harford-streets. Also a petition from sundry inhabitants of the said city, offering to furnish the state with eight guns completely equipt for service, free of expense, and praying for a lottery to compensate them for the invention of the same; which were severally read and referred to Messrs. Kell, Price and Woodyear.

The bill for the benefit of John K. Rowe and Richard Bevan, of Baltimore county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Lecompte from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of James Eccleston, of Dorchester county, beg leave to state, that they have had the same under consideration, and finding the facts therein stated to be true, submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the claim of the state against the estate of John Eccleston, one of the securities of William Ennalls, late of Dorchester county, deceased, for Indian land purchased August twentieth, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, be and the same is hereby released; *Provided*, and it is hereby expressly understood, that the said release shall have no effect to discharge or release the estate of the said William Ennalls, the principal, or Joseph Ennalls, the other security.

By order,

J. W. BORDLEY, Clk.

Which was read.