

sonal property in the counties therein mentioned, was read the second time by special order, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

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

FRIDAY, January 16, 1818.

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

Mr. Buckey delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying for a road from New Windsor (Sulphur Springs) by Michael Swelser's Mill, so as to intersect the Hager's Town turnpike road near John Leister's; which was read and referred to Messrs. Buckey, Hawkins and Downey.

Mr. Kell delivers a petition from Elizabeth Everett of the city of Baltimore, praying for a divorce; which was read and referred to Messrs. Kell, Johnson and Woodyear.

Mr. Hawkins delivers a memorial from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying for the erection of a bridge across the river Monocacy at William's ferry; which was read and referred to Messrs. Hawkins, Downey and Buckey.

Mr. Nabb delivers a petition from Henry Casson, of Talbot county, praying permission to bring into this state certain negro slaves; which was read and referred to Messrs. Nabb, Stevens and Tenant.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county, for and against the repeal of a road law, was read the second time and concurred in.

Mr. Hawkins delivers the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Mary Henry of Frederick county, as amended; which was read.

Mr. Buckey delivers a petition from Charlotte Phillips, of Frederick county, praying for a divorce; which was read and referred to Messrs. Buckey, Downey and Hawkins.

Mr. Thomas delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying for a law abolishing the office of the trustees of the poor in said county, and to give to the levy court of said county all the powers now vested in the trustees of the poor; which was read and referred to Messrs. Thomas, Sewell, Bradford, Wilson and Lecompte.

The bill to authorise the drawing of a lottery or lotteries for the purpose of erecting a bridge in Frederick county, was read the second time and passed.

On motion by Mr. Tidball, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to repeal a part of an act to reinstate in the county court of Allegany county the proceedings of a case therein mentioned. Ordered, That Messrs. Tidball, Cresap and Scott, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Stephen delivers the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, it is in the contemplation of the government of the United States to establish a Naval Depot at some place best fitted to answer the purposes of providing for the common defence, and promoting the general welfare, and whereas the harbour of Annapolis is in all respects well adapted to answer those important views, by reason of its central position, and other weighty considerations, if it should be selected for that purpose, provided the navigation into the Severn river should be facilitated by the removal of a small and inconsiderable obstruction near the mouth of said river, Therefore,

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to the sum of twenty thousand dollars current money, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, to be applied to cutting a channel through an obstruction or bar at or near the mouth of Severn river, so as to render the ingress into said harbour of vessels of the largest class perfectly free from all difficulties; provided however, that before the said sum of twenty thousand dollars, or any part thereof, shall be paid to the said

or either of them, they shall give their bond to the state of Maryland, in the penalty of dollars current money, with securities to be approved by the governor and council, binding themselves and their said securities, their heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, that the said sum of twenty thousand dollars, and every part thereof, shall be faithfully and exclusively applied to the purpose aforesaid; which said bond shall be recorded in the office of the court of appeals for the western shore, and upon the same, or a certified copy thereof, a suit or suits may be instituted in the name and for the use of the state, if the said money, or any part thereof, shall be applied to any purpose or use other than that contemplated by this resolution.

Which was read.

Mr. Tomlinson delivers a petition from Henry Winour, of Allegany county, praying for a law to authorise the judges of Allegany county court to reinstate a suit therein mentioned; which was read and referred to Messrs. Tomlinson, Cresap and Tidball.

Mr. Garner delivers a petition from James Brawner, surveyor of Charles county, praying for a law authorising the transcribing of certain records of his predecessors in office, and for other purposes; which was read and referred to Messrs. Garner, Tingle and Downey.

On motion by Mr. Wilson, the consideration of the bill, entitled, An act to provide for the opening and extension of Pratt-street in the city of Baltimore was postponed until Tuesday next.

The house according to the order of the day proceeded to the second reading of the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to enlarge the bounds of Baltimore city. Mr. Kell moved to strike out from the word Maryland in the first line of the first section to the end of the bill, viz: that a board of commissioners shall be and is hereby established in that part of the city of Baltimore, added thereto by the act to which this is a supplement, to be called The Board of Commissioners of the new addition to the city of Baltimore. And be it enacted, That the said board shall consist of five persons, to be elected and appointed as hereinafter provided. And be it enacted, That at the annual election of members of the first and second branches of the city council of Baltimore, the voters in each of the three new wards of said city shall vote for one person, resident of the ward in which he shall be voted for, and the person having the greatest number of votes in each ward shall be duly elected, and the three so elected, together with the others to be appointed by the mayor and city council, after the election annually, shall constitute said board. And be it enacted, That the judges of the election of said wards respectively shall make return of the persons elected commissioners to the mayor, who shall forthwith notify each of the persons elected of his election. And be it enacted, That as soon as convenient after the said election, and the appointment aforesaid, the said commissioners shall meet at a place in said city to be appointed by the mayor thereof, and at their first meeting elect one of their board as president, and shall also elect a clerk, whose duties shall be prescribed by said board. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have, and they are hereby vested with power, from time to time, to ascertain and declare in what parts of the city, added by the act to which this is a supplement, the city ordinances shall