

Mr. Linthicum delivers a petition from Eliza H. O'Neale, widow, and Solomon Davis administrator, of John O'Neale, late of Montgomery county, deceased, praying for a law authorising the sale of the real estate of said John O'Neale, for the payment of his debts; which was read and referred to Messrs. Linthicum, Garner and Gaither.

Mr. Garner delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Charles county, counter to the petition praying for a road to be opened and made public, beginning at a certain point in the public road leading from Port-Tobacco to Allen's Fresh, and running thence to the mouth of Pope's creek; which was read and ordered to lie on the table

Mr. Estep delivers a bill, entitled, An act to provide for building a bridge over Patuxent river; which was read.

Mr. Murray delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to provide for the appointment of commissioners for the regulation and improvement of the town of Princess-Anne in Somerset county; which was read.

Mr. Somerville delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of James Etcherson, and others, of Prince-George's county; which was read.

Mr. Forrest delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Eleanor Kennedy, of the District of Columbia; which was read.

Mr. Kennedy delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorising commissioners to purchase a fire-engine for the use of the inhabitants of William's-Port in Washington county; which was read.

Mr. Downey delivers a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from Boonsborough, through William's-Port, to intersect the road now making from Cumberland to the west bank of Conococheague; which was read.

Mr. Brawner delivers a bill, entitled, An act to regulate surveys; which was read.

Mr. Price delivers a bill, entitled, An act to annul the marriage of Jonathan Morrison, and Anna Morrison his wife; which was read

On motion by Mr. W. R. Stewart, the following preamble and resolution were read:

Whereas, it is represented to this general assembly that a commodious house for an academy has been erected at Church-Hill, in Queen-Anne's county; and as such institutions ought to receive the sanction and support of the legislature of this state, Therefore,

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised and empowered, to pay annually to the trustees of Church-Hill Academy, in Queen Anne's county, or their order, the sum of — dollars, out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

The report on the petition of James Leonard, was read the second time, concurred with, and the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Stephen, the following message was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate with the bill therein referred to.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 24, 1818.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We return the bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the German Lutheran Congregation in Fredericktown, in Frederick county, rejected by your house on the sixth instant, and hope on further consideration you will agree to pass it.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Carroll, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act, entitled, an act making a public landing place in Somerset county, and for other purposes. Ordered, That Messrs. Carroll, Murray and Haynie, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same

Mr. Lecompte from the committee of grievances and courts of justice delivers the following report:

The committee of grievances and courts of justice, to whom was referred the memorial of Robert Lloyd Elghman, and others, executors of James Earle, beg leave to report, that they have attentively considered the said memorial, and the several resolutions, laws and reports, mentioned therein; they are of opinion that the condition of the records and proceedings in the several offices attached to the respective courts of justice within the state, deserve the serious attention of the legislature; and they do not consider the provisions of the resolutions, of which the memorialists complain, improper or unreasonable in its provisions, but there is no more cause of requiring the execution of these provisions from them, than there for requiring the like duties from other officers, or the executors of other officers, who have omitted or neglected to record the papers and proceedings in their respective offices. They are of opinion that the general provisions ought to be made for effecting the completion of the records in all the offices, where this service has been disregarded or unreasonably delayed; and that authority should forthwith be given to the officers, in whose custody and care the papers and proceedings of their respective courts are deposited, to grant exemplifications from the dockets, original papers, and other documents, in their possession, in cases where from the lapse of time, death, insolvency, or other cause, no person can be found in whom the duty of completing the records can be required. But until such general provisions shall be made, they deem the resolution respecting the memorialists unjust in its operation, and invidious in its effects; and they beg leave to submit to the consideration of the house the following:

Resolved, that the resolution passed at the session of the general assembly of Maryland in the year eight hundred and fourteen, authorising and requiring the judges of the court of appeals to order and direct the executors of James Earle to proceed, by a specified time, to complete the records in the office of the late general court for the eastern shore, and in the office of the court of appeals, of which respective offices he had been clerk, by recording all papers and proceedings which remained unrecorded, and the order of the said judges late made in pursuance thereof, be repealed, and the same are hereby repealed.

Your committee also report, that there is a bill now before the senate, providing generally for the recording of the judicial proceedings of our courts; should this bill pass, the object of the resolution proposed to be repealed will be effected; should it not, it will then be with the legislature to devise some other mode of effecting so important and desirable an object. All of which is respectfully submitted.

By order,

G. SMITH, Clk.

Which was read.

The bill to incorporate the German Society of Maryland, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate the trustees of the Bladensburg Academy, for other purposes, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.