

Mr. Harrison delivers a bill, entitled, An act to empower the county court of Queen-Anne's county to divide the real estate therein mentioned; which was read.

Mr. Kell delivers a bill, entitled, An act to declare and enlarge the powers of the court of chancery, and the county courts as courts of equity; also a bill, entitled, An act relating to the police of the city of Baltimore; which were severally read.

Mr. Kennedy from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee, to whom was referred the memorial of sundry citizens of Washington county, respecting turnpike roads, have had the same under their consideration, and beg leave to submit the following report:

That from every information which your committee have received, and from the personal knowledge of some of its members, it appears that part of the Baltimore and Frederick-Town turnpike road is at present in very bad order, particularly for some miles below New-Market, and thence to Frederick, that either the said road has not been sufficiently made at first, or that the method of repairing the same is very injudicious, and calls for more particular attention from the president and directors of the said company. That from the difficulty attending the mode of making complaint of the situation of turnpike roads, the public interest often sustains a serious injury, and your committee have therefore reported a bill, the provisions of which they trust will in some degree remedy the grievances complained of. That with regard to the tolls charged by the company on wagons, the wheels of which are of certain dimensions, it appears to your committee, that the principal cause of complaint arises from the fact, that where the tire on a wheel which was originally four and a quarter, or four and a half inches in width, is reduced a small fractional part below four inches, the toll gatherers charge the same tolls as on wheels the tire of which is only one inch and three quarters or two inches in width. Your committee are really astonished, that charges such as those, such as were never certainly contemplated by the powers of the original law, should ever have been made, and they trust the president and directors of every turnpike road in the state, will immediately issue orders that their respective toll gatherers shall charge toll on all wagons according to the original dimensions of the tire on their wheels, notwithstanding the same may have been reduced by wear below the standard required by law.

That with regard to the turnpike road now making from the West bank of Conococheague creek to Cumberland, your committee have received information that travellers have, during the last year, been obstructed in passing along the said road, by the labourers employed on the same, and they have inserted a provision in the bill now reported, to remedy in some degree the said grievances. Your committee also regret to find, that the road progresses very slowly. It is of vast importance that a national road, connecting the state of Maryland with the western country, should be finished without delay, and your committee trust, that neither the present nor any future legislature, will ever grant the president and directors of the Bank Road, any further time to finish the said road than is allowed to them by the original law. Your committee therefore beg leave to submit to the consideration of the house, a bill, entitled, An act respecting turnpike roads.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order, J. YATES, Clk.

Also a bill, accompanying the said report, entitled, An act relating to turnpike roads; which were severally read and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pigman from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee appointed to take into consideration the petition of Justinian Mayberry, of Frederick county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the said petition into consideration, and find the facts therein contained to be true, and beg leave to submit the following resolution:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised, to pay to Justinian Mayberry, of Frederick county, or his order, the sum of fourteen dollars and fifty cents current money, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

By order,

R. PINDELL, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Semmes from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of John Anderson, an old soldier, report, that they have had under their consideration the same, and submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed, to pay to John Anderson, an old soldier, or to his order, annually, in quarterly payments, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a private.

By order,

R. PINDELL, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Johnson from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Chloe Cockey, have taken the same into consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore of Maryland be and he is authorised, to pay to Chloe Cockey, of Baltimore county, the legal representative of John Cockey deceased, creditor to Mark Alexander, deceased, or his order, the sum of eighty one pounds four shillings and two pence, being the same money heretofore deposited in the western shore treasury by the said Mark Alexander, for the payment of a British debt which has since been received by the creditors of Christopher Court, and Mildred and Roberts, to whom it was due by due course of law; upon the said Chloe Cockey, giving bond, to be approved of by the said treasurer, to refund the aforesaid sum of money, and interest, in case a certificate shall at any time be produced to the treasurer, acknowledging that on the seventeenth day of May, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one, Mark Alexander paid to the treasury, for Christopher Court, the sum of forty-eight pounds six shillings and eight pence, and for Mildred and Roberts thirty-two pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, by virtue of an act passed at October session seventeen hundred and eighty, entitled, An act for calling out of circulation the quota of the state of the bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly under the old government, and by the resolves of the convention.

By order,

J. W. BORDLEY, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Dorsey delivers a petition from Nicholas Worthington, of Thomas, and Augustine Gambrill, two of the justices of the levy court of Anne-Arundel county, praying that the levy court may be authorised to appoint a person to take charge of the tobacco inspection warehouse belonging to the heirs of Patrick