

taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the facts therein stated are true, and that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted; they therefore recommend the following resolution.

**RESOLVED**, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore, pay to the said George Bradford, of Harford county, or order, the sum of forty-three pounds twelve shillings and three pence, out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury

Which was read. By order, **JOSEPH IRELAND, jun. Ck.**

Mr. Dennis reports a bill entitled, An act to revive an act entitled, An act for the relief of Insolvent debtors.

Mr. Allen reports a bill entitled, An act to enable the commissioners of the Town of Havre de Grace to hold a lot of ground and the improvements therein mentioned.

Mr. Forwood reports a bill entitled, an act authorising the court of Harford county, to adjudge to be laid out and opened certain roads; and Mr. Allen reports a bill entitled, An act to regulate the fees of different officers in this state; which were read.

Mr. Woodward presents a petition from John Jones, of Anne Arundel county, praying for support; read and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Wever presents a petition from Robert Barne, of Virginia, praying he may be authorised to remove certain negroes into this state; read and referred to Messrs. Wever, Bowles and Pigman.

Mr. Allen presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, counter to the petition for a road from the Pennsylvania line to Rockford; read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the house reports from the Trustees of Elkton Academy, and Garrison Forrest Academy; which were read.

Mr. H. Kemp presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying for a state bank; which was read and referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

On motion by Mr. Nicholson, Leave given to bring in a bill entitled, An act to confirm and make valid the acts and proceedings of John Rigby, as a Justice of the Peace for Queen Ann's county; **ORDERED**, That Messrs. Nicholson, Stevens and Meconekin, report the same.

Mr. Forwood reports a bill entitled, An act declaring the assent of the Legislature, to a conveyance of lands in Harford county, made in trust for the benefit of the preachers of the Methodist Episcopal church, that may have families on the Harford circuit; which were read.

The report of the committee on the petition of Elizabeth Poe, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the relief of the infant children of Levin H. Campbell, late of Dorchester county, deceased; and the further 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 mentioned, endorsed "will pass" Ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Wever, Leave given to bring in a bill entitled, An act to revise and amend an act entitled, An act to incorporate a company or make a turnpike road from the Baltimore and Frederick turnpike road commencing at the west end of Frederick town, to Harper's Ferry on the Potomac river, and the supplement thereto, and for other purposes. **ORDERED**, That Messrs. Wever, Pigman, Barney, Bowles and Culer, report the same.

The bill for the benefit of the University of Maryland, was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Bruce the following was added to the said bill.

*And be it enacted*, That no certificate of stock issued under this act, shall be for a less amount than five hundred dollars.

On motion by Mr. Pigman the same was recommitted. **ORDERED**, That Messrs. Pigman and Dorsey, be added to the said committee.

Mr. Garner presents a petition from Teresa Mankin, of Charles county, praying for support; read and referred to Messrs. Garner, Edelen and Rogerson; also a petition from sundry citizens of Port Tobacco praying that the commissioners thereof may be chosen by the inhabitants thereof; read and referred to Messrs. Garner, Jenifer and Rogerson.

Mr. Hughes presents a petition from John Smith, jun of the city of Annapolis, praying to be compensated for his services as trumpeter to captain Hall's troop; read and referred to Messrs. Hughes, Carroll and Woodward.

On motion by Mr. Loockerman, **ORDERED**, That the amendments to the bill relative to Constables' fees, have a second reading on to-morrow.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill for the improvement of the navigation of the river Susquehannah, endorsed "will pass;" Ordered to be engrossed. And the bill for the relief of Thomas Henry and his wife of Montgomery county, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was assented to and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Nicholson reports a bill entitled, A further additional supplement to the act entitled, An act to regulate elections; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Allen the following resolution was read.

**WHEREAS**, There are numerous scientific and other works published in Europe, which from the expense of plates, from the smallness of their demand, from their extent and magnitude, and from various other considerations, cannot be re-printed in this country, and as it is the sense of this Legislature, that science and literature should by all possible means be encouraged; *Therefore resolved*, That it is the sense of this Legislature, that the importation of all printed books, plates, maps, implements of agriculture and manufactures, should be free from any impost or duty. That the government be requested to transmit a copy of this preamble and resolution to the members of the senate of the United States and the Representatives in Congress from the State of Maryland, together with a request, that they exert themselves to obtain a repeal of the duties imposed upon the above mentioned articles.

The bill to incorporate the Grand Lodge of the free and accepted Masons, was read the second