

a public highway from the New Liberty road, and petitions counter thereto; which were read and referred to Messrs. Worthington, Stansbury, Orrick, Johnson and Wright.

The bill for the support of Thomas Deford, of Queen Anne's county, an afflicted son of Edward Deford, of said county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. J. P. Kennedy, the following resolution was read:

*Resolved*, That the governor and council be directed to select, as soon after the passage of these resolutions as it can conveniently be done, nine of the most discreet and intelligent citizens of this state, as a committee for the purpose of reporting to the executive, either collectively or individually, as their convenience may allow, upon the most efficient, useful and practical plans of internal improvement, in relation either to the whole of the state, or such parts thereof as they may think proper respectively to select; and that the executive be authorised to supply any vacancy in said committee which may occur, during the time of their appointment.

*Further resolved*, That to each person selected as aforesaid, the governor and council be directed to transmit a copy of the reports on internal improvement by the committees of the senate and house of delegates respectively, and also a copy of the following instructions:—"You are requested to communicate to the executive of this state, as soon as it may suit your convenience, not delaying longer, than the period of commencement of the next general assembly, such information as you may have it in your power to afford in relation to the subjects of internal improvement, within this state, more especially confining your attention to the general face and character of the country; the elevation of the most remarkable hills and mountains; the nature of their minerals, soil and vegetable productions; the courses of the rivers and creeks, the nature of the country through which they pass; and the produce in which it abounds, the means of connection between important rivers; the facilities afforded to the construction of canals, roads or railways; the prices of labour; the respective average charges per mile in making roads or canals, the probable advantages to the internal trade and commerce of each district by making such improvements; and all such other information upon these questions as you may consider useful."

*Further resolved*, That the governor and council be authorised to procure such general surveys of the rivers, water courses or districts of country, as they shall in their judgment deem necessary to the illustration of the subjects of internal improvement, and that for the expenses of the same, they be authorised to draw on the treasurer of the Western Shore.

The Speaker laid before the house a communication from the auditor of the state; which was read.

Mr. J. P. Kennedy reports a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for amending and reducing into system, the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the right of orphans, and other representatives of deceased persons; also, a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of James B. M'Kawin, of the city of Baltimore. And Mr. Lockerman reports a bill, entitled, An act to repeal all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the election of four delegates from each county; which were read.

Mr. H. Kemp presents a petition from George Creaker, of Frederick county, praying for a special act of insolvency; read and referred to Messrs. H. Kemp, Farquhar and Thomas.

Mr. Steele reports a bill, entitled, An act to appoint commissioners, for the purpose of dividing Dorchester county into six separate election districts. And Mr. Norris reports a bill, entitled, An act to confirm and make valid a deed therein mentioned; which were read.

On motion by Mr. Millard, the following message was read:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 10, 1822.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

Thomas Emory, Joshua Predeaux, Israel D. Maulsby, Philemon Chew and Nicholas Brewer, Esq's. having been elected council to the governor of this state, we propose that a joint letter be written by the president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates, and forwarded to each of the gentlemen elect, to notify them of their election, and requesting their immediate attendance at the seat of government.

On motion by Mr. Allen, the question was put, that the words "by mail" be inserted after the word "forwarded." Resolved in the affirmative. The message was then assented to and sent to the senate.

Mr. Cannell presents a petition from Phebe Sutton, of Kent county, praying for support; read and referred to Messrs. Cannell, Ireland and Stansbury.

Mr. H. Kemp reports a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, an act for quieting possessions, enrolling conveyances and securing the estates of purchasers; which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, December 10, 1822.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

We concur in your proposition to forward by mail a joint letter from the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of delegates, to the gentlemen elected to the council.

By order,

Wm. KILTY, Clk.

Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Francis Hawkins, Milly Warring, Nancy Purl, Minta Daffin, Linda Mahoney and Sarah Warring, of Prince George's county. Ordered, that Messrs. Semmes, C. Leigh and Stonestreet report the same.

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