

additional supplement to the act, entitled, an act for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, was read the second time, amended, passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Millard, the following resolution was read.

Whereas, the Government House in this city was exposed to eminent danger on the second instant, in consequence of an alarming fire that made its appearance on the roof thereof:—And whereas, the devouring element was arrested in its ravenous course by the timely and great exertions of George Jourdon, Christopher Hohne, William Caton, and John Ambrister:—And whereas, it is politic and just to reward the meritorious exertions and exemplary conduct of the said George Jourdon, Christopher Hohne, William Caton, and John Ambrister, and that a stimulus may be given to others to imitate such examples in future:—Therefore, Resolved, that the Treasurer of the Western Shore be directed to pay to each of the above named persons the sum of          dollars.

On motion by Mr. Pitt, the following resolution was read.

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the Treasurer of the Western Shore, be, and is hereby directed to sell the Government house on the best terms he can obtain, on a credit of two years.

Mr. Ireland delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Sarah Groome, of Kent county, beg leave to report—

That they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion, that Kent county court has ample power to grant the relief prayed for, and think it unwise and inexpedient to legislate specially for any particular individual, they therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition.

By order,

ISAAC HINES, Clerk.

Read and concurred with.

The bill to repeal an act of assembly therein mentioned; was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Howard; ordered, that attachments issue against John H. Tillard and Gassaway Pindle.

On motion by Mr. Dalrymple, ordered, that subpoena issue for William Whittington, of Calvert county.

On motion by Mr. Carroll, ordered, that before any witness summoned on the part of this house, to testify in relation to the divisional line between Anne Arundel and Calvert counties be examined, the following oath or affirmation shall be administered by the clerk, viz:—

The evidence which you shall give in the matter now depending before the house of delegates shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God.

On motion by Mr. Lake, the following order was read; ordered, that a committee of five be appointed to take the testimony of the witnesses, relative to the disputed lines of Calvert and Anne Arundel counties. And the question put, that the house assent to the same? Determined in the negative.

The house proceeded to the consideration of the report relative to the divisional line between Anne Arundel and Calvert counties.

On motion by Mr. Peter, the following order was read:

Ordered, that the bill, entitled an act, to establish the divisional lines between Anne Arundel and Calvert counties, be recommitted to the committee who reported the same, with instructions to prepare and report a bill, providing that the true location of the divisional line between Calvert and Anne Arundel counties, be referred to judicial investigation and judgment. Determined in the negative.

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

WEDNESDAY, February 4, 1824.

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

Mr. Peter presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Montgomery county, for the increase of the per diem allowance of the supervisors; read and referred to Messrs. Peter, Kilgour and W. Duvall.

The bill authorising gates to be kept on the public roads in Queen Ann's county; was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate. The bill to reduce the price of the state lands in Allegany county; was read the second time. On motion by Mr. Purnell, the question was put, that "Worcester county" be inserted? Determined in the negative. The question was then put, shall the said bill pass? Determined in the negative. The bill relating to public gates in Caroline county; was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Dorsey obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled an act, for the benefit of Joseph Harris, clerk of Saint Mary's county; ordered that Messrs. Dorsey, Leigh and Gough report the same.

Mr. Pitt obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled a supplement to an act, entitled an act, concerning crimes and punishments; ordered that Messrs. Pitt, Loockerman, Edelin, Dorsey and Williams report the same.

On motion by Mr. Chesley, ordered that the bill relative to the agricultural society, have a second reading on the 10th inst.

Mr. Cromwell presents a petition from William P. Farquhar and John A. Farquhar, praying