

MONDAY, January 3, 1825.

A sufficient number not appearing to form a quorum, the members present adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, January 4, 1825.

The house met. The proceedings were read.

The supplement to an act, entitled, An act to amend and reduce into one the several acts of assembly relating to the public roads in Worcester county, passed at December session 1821, and the message relative to printing the journal, were sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Steele, the reference of the auditor's report was reconsidered, and referred to the committee of claims.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the armourer of the western shore, in compliance with an order of this house.

Mr. Sullivan presents a petition from Sophia Pitt, of Dorchester county, praying a divorce; referred to the committee on similar petitions.

Mr. Thomas presents a petition from sundry citizens of the Village of Port Deposit, in Cecil county, praying the same may be incorporated; referred to Messrs. Thomas, Henderson and Ewing.

Mr. Tyson presents a petition from Richard Carroll, Robert Dorsey, and others, praying an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the intersection of the Baltimore and Frederick turnpike road near the 3d mile stone on said road, to M-Ville in Baltimore county. Ordered, That Messrs. Tyson, Howard and Shower, report the same.

Virgil Maxcy, Esq. a delegate returned for Anne-Arundel county, appeared, qualified, and took his seat.

Mr. Tyson presents a petition from Peter Cox, and others, praying they may be authorised to build a market house at their own expense, in marsh market space, south of Pratt street; referred to Messrs. Tyson, Howard and Worthington.

Also a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore, praying that the jurisdiction of magistrates may be enlarged; referred to the committee on a similar subject.

Mr. Steele presents a petition from Frances Baker, of Dorchester county, praying for a law to authorise her to alter a road, referred to Messrs. Steele, Travers and Sullivan.

Mr. Merrick presents a petition from Amelia Hamilton, of Washington county, praying for a divorce; referred to the committee on similar petitions.

Mr. Steele presents a petition from James Layton, of Dorchester county, praying indulgence in paying a debt due the state; referred to Messrs. Steele, Sullivan and Eccleston.

Mr. Speed obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act relative to the assessment of taxes on property lying adjacent to the city of Annapolis. Ordered, That Messrs. Speed, Estep and Gantt, report the same.

Also leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act giving compulsory process, after summons, to procure the attendance of witnesses in causes and other proceedings in the high court of chancery. Ordered, That Messrs. Speed, M-Mahon and Maxcy, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Speed, Ordered, That the bill relative to judge Chase, have a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. Tyson obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to abolish imprisonment of females for debt. Ordered, That Messrs. Tyson, M-Mahon, Speed, Howard and Tingle, report the same.

The bill for the support of Elizabeth Gingle, of Montgomery county, and the bill to authorise John L. Jaques to cut a canal therein mentioned, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the clerk of Caroline county; referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

Also a report from the commissioners of the school fund for Harford county.

Mr. Henderson presents a petition from Thomas Weir, of Cecil county; referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. John Edelen presents petitions from Mary Barker, Frances Cox and Susan Thomas, of Charles county; and Mr. Garner presents a petition from Ann Connell, of Charles county, praying support; referred to the committee on similar petitions.

Mr. Gantt presents a petition from Caleb Hobbs, of Anne-Arundel county, for support; referred to the committee on similar petitions.

Mr. Tingle presents a petition from William Standford and others, praying the judge of the land office of the eastern shore may be directed to have placed to their credit any sums of money that he may be satisfied they have paid to Lambert Clayland as caution money; referred to Messrs. Tingle, Merrick and M-Mahon.

On motion by Mr. Speed, the following order was read: Ordered, That an additional committee clerk be employed by this house for the purpose of expediting the public business, and that David Kidgely be qualified as such.

On motion by Mr. Worthington, Ordered, That the same lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Lee, Ordered, That the treasurer of the western shore be required to furnish a statement of the aggregate amount of the journal of accounts of the general assembly from the year 1790 to the year 1824, inclusively, specifying the amount of each year distinctly.

Mr. Merrick presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington and Frederick counties, praying that a law may be passed for the more effectual protection of public worship in this state; referred to Messrs. Merrick, Barnes and Hoffman.

The bill to make valid a deed of lease executed by Robert Casey and others, to John Stacie Baddon and others; and the bill to authorise Jesse Hughes, of Somerset county, to execute a deed to Alexander Jones, of the same county, were twice read and will not pass.

On motion by Mr. Worthington, Ordered, That the supplement to an act to prescribe the time which jurors shall serve in Baltimore county court, have a second reading on Thursday next.