

THURSDAY, January 27, 1825.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The resolutions in favour of Michael Waltman, Nathan Porter, Thomas Townsoud, Spedden Orem, and Lethe Willis, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Duvall presents a petition from Eleanor Suit of Prince-George's county, praying relief; referred to the committee on similar petitions.

Mr. Gough delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the armourer at Annapolis, have had the same under consideration, and being fully impressed with the necessity of adopting some measure for the better preservation of the state's property consisting of arms and the munitions of war, report,—That under the present law appointing the armourer at Annapolis, he is only required to keep in order, fit for use, the arms deposited in the armoury: and in consequence the rooms allotted for the storing of arms, are in a confused and disordered state, and many of the articles there deposited in a perishable condition; your committee would therefore recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the governor and council be authorized to have repaired, on the best and most economical terms, such portion of the arms now deposited in the state house, as they may deem advisable to have repaired, and to dispose of the residue of unserviceable arms, in such manner as they may think most conducive to the interests of the state.

Resolved, That the governor and council be, and they are hereby authorized to contract upon the best terms for the repairs, and preservation, and safe deposit of the camp equipage, accoutrements, and munitions of war, belonging to the state.

By order, ISAAC HINES, Ck.

Which was read

Mr. Teackie delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, praying the enactment of a law to regulate the measuring of potatoes in the city of Baltimore, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following report.—From the number and respectability of the subscribers to this petition, the committee are well assured that the growing of potatoes is a considerable staple of agriculture, and an important object of traffick, and that in consequence of the grievance complained of, many traders, who had hitherto resorted to the port of Baltimore, have been induced to seek for other markets, to the common injury of all parties, save only the inordinate gain of certain avaricious hucksters. The committee conceive, that the most eligible mode of vending potatoes, would be by weight, instead of measure; and that this affair may be justly and satisfactorily regulated by the corporate authorities of the city of Baltimore. They therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition, and that the same be presented to the mayor and city council of Baltimore.

All which is respectfully submitted,

By order, J. COCKEY, Jr. Ck.

Which was twice read and concurred with.

Mr. Wilson presents a petition from Susannah Murphy, of Montgomery county, for support; referred to the committee on the same subject.

Mr. Thomas presents a petition from James M. Vey, John Moore, and others, relative to a road which was authorized to be opened by a special act of assembly; referred to Messrs. Thomas Ewing and Henderson.

On motion by Mr. Thomas, the following message was read, assented to, and with the bill therein mentioned sent to the senate.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 27, 1825.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We return you the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to increase the pay of the judges of the orphans court for the several counties therein mentioned. The house have rejected the amendment proposed by your honourable body, to insert three dollars in place of two dollars, as we cannot conceive any good reason why the judges of the orphans court in Cecil county should be allowed more for their services than they are allowed in other counties, or more than is allowed to the levy court judges of Cecil county. We therefore hope, upon further consideration, you will pass the bill.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Ck.

The bill for the relief of Elizabeth Fish of Cecil county; the bill to authorize the orphans court of Frederick county to open and review the account of the executors of Philip Juda, late of Frederick county, deceased, and to correct any error which may have been made in the settlement of the said account; the bill to exempt the rifle company commanded by Ignatius Brown of the 47th regiment of Maryland militia, from regimental and battalion musters, were severally read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Farquhar reports a bill, entitled, An act authorising John Heiner, George Trozell, and John Harbough, senior, of Frederick county, to sell and convey the parsonage house and lot in Emmitsburgh.

The supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the benefit of Ann Rochester and Frances Rochester, and the bill for the relief of Robert G. Russell, of Frederick county, were severally read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The amendments to the supplement to an act relating to the trial of causes in Baltimore county court, were read the second time, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Howard presents a petition from Sarah Millvain, praying for a special act of insolvency; referred to the committee on that subject. Also a petition from Nicholas Hitzleberger, praying for a divorce; referred to the committee on similar petitions.

On the second reading of the bill to provide compensation for damages sustained by the owners of houses for the inspection of tobacco in the city of Baltimore, Mr. Duvall offered the following order:

Ordered, That Dennis Boyd, inspector of tobacco from the city of Baltimore, be examined as a witness at the bar of this house; which was assented to.

Dennis Boyd appeared at the bar of this house, and was sworn and examined.