

Mr Worthington moved to add to the 3d section, "unless he can give a reasonable excuse." Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Howard moved to add to the 3d section the following: "In the manner directed by the acts heretofore passed upon the subject?" Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. M. Mahon delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of many inhabitants of the town of Cumberland, praying the repeal of the acts incorporating the said town, beg leave to report—That they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted. A petition of a similar character was preferred to the general assembly at its last session, upon which an unfavourable report was made, both because it was met by a counter petition entitled to much respect, and of nearly the same weight with the petition, and because the wishes of the citizens were involved in much obscurity, by the fact that many of them had signed both the petition and the counter petition. With a view to the more distinct ascertainment of their wishes, the committee came to the determination to leave the subject open and unacted upon until the session of the next legislature. In the meantime the propriety of the proposed repeal has been a subject for constant consideration and discussion up to the present moment, and as your committee after having declined to act upon this petition until this late period of the session, can find no evidence of the wishes of the inhabitants of said town, contradicting that furnished by the above petition, they must presume them conformable to the latter. It was known that this subject would again be brought before the legislature; the applications for signatures to the petition must have apprised them of the intention to renew it, and the silence of those whose names do not appear on the face of the said petition, must, under such circumstances, be regarded as equivalent to assent. Your committee therefore beg leave to report a bill repealing the acts incorporating said town, and for other purposes.

Which was read.

Mr. Lee from the agricultural committee, delivers the following report:

The agricultural committee beg leave to report favourably upon the various petitions from the several counties, for a conditional donation to encourage agriculture. The committee being aware, that great advantages have resulted to the agricultural interests of the state of New York by the adoption of this measure, feel it their duty to recommend a similar course to be pursued by the legislature of this state, in order that its depressed agriculture may be resuscitated by every stimulant within our power. The committee to effect this object, report a bill to provide the means of carrying this very desirable object into operation.

By order,

ISAAC HINES, Clk

Which was read, with the bill referred to in said report

Mr Barnes presents a memorial from sundry inhabitants of Frederick town, praying that the free school society of said town may be incorporated; referred to Messrs. Barnes, Kemp and Cromwell

Mr Estep presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Anne Arundel county, praying for a law for the destruction of crows; referred to Messrs. Estep, Gantt and Maxcy.

Mr Brown reports a bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act for the relief of the poor of Caroline county.

Mr Beall reports a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the heirs of Lawrence Oneale, late of Montgomery county.

On the second reading of the bill to regulate pilots, Mr. Kilgour moved to strike out 26 feet in the clause relative to the length of the keel, and insert 32 feet? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Kilgour, the words "eight dollars" were stricken out and "ten dollars" inserted in the clause giving a fee to the pilot for carrying a vessel into Hampton Roads, and giving him 8 dollars for bringing it out.

On motion by Mr. Kilgour, the 5th clause was amended so as to give pilots three instead of two dollars per day when detained on board of vessels riding quarantine. The bill was then passed.

On motion by Mr. Nicholson, the following message was read

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, February 14, 1825

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We this morning communicated to your honourable body a proposition to close the session on the 25th inst. In order that we may be enabled to carry this desirable purpose into execution, and that the intermediate time may be used with the best effect upon the public interest, we propose the appointment of a joint committee to examine all bills of a general character now reported, and to report which of those bills the public good requires to be acted upon at the present session, in order that such may have a preference and be disposed of before any other public bills are considered. We have appointed Messrs. _____ to meet such committee as may be named by your honourable body to confer on this subject.

Mr. Speed moved to refer the same to the 1st of April next? Resolved in the affirmative

On motion by Mr. Wilson, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower the trustees of the poor for Montgomery county to purchase a tract of land for the use of the poor house establishment of said county Ordered, That Messrs. Wilson, Lee and Lansdale, report the same

Mr. Lee from the agricultural committee reports a bill, entitled, An act to restrain and punish trespassers.

Mr. Thomas reports a bill, entitled, An act to reduce and settle the compensation allowed the messenger to the executive council.

Mr. Wootton reports a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act passed at Nov. session 1812, relating to the suppression of a public road in Prince-George's county.

Mr. Worthington presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore, praying the repeal of a law passed this session, to make a turnpike road to M. Ville; referred to Messrs. Worthington, Shower and Turner.

The house adjourns until 6 o'clock P. M.