

Saturday, January 14, 1826.

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

The supplement to an act, entitled, An act to introduce wholesome water into the city of Frederick; the bill for the revaluation of real and personal property in Talbot county; and the resolutions relative to the election of president and vice-president, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Tyson presents a petition from Ann R. Freeburger, for a divorce; referred to the standing committee on that subject.

Mr. Willson presents a petition from Kitty Shaw; and Mr. Speed presents a petition from Thomas White, for support; referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. Sewell presents a petition from Nathaniel Hoskin, of Harford county, praying that the benefit of an act passed February 11, 1822, chap. 152, may be extended to him; referred to Messrs. Sewell, Hall and Montgomery.

Mr. Cockey presents a petition from Solomon Getzendanner, praying compensation for revolutionary services; referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. Edelen presents a petition from the sheriff of Charles county, praying that the time for taking his bond may be extended; referred to Messrs. Edelen, Garner and Rogerson.

Mr. Harlan presents a petition from John S. Maffitt, of Cecil county, praying to be refunded money paid for land supposed to be vacant; referred to Messrs. Harlan, Grubb and Gilpin.

Mr. Merrick, chairman of the committee of grievances and courts of justice, delivers the following report:

The committee of grievances and courts of justice, to whom was referred the memorial of John E. Howard, Tobias E. Stansbury, James Carroll and John B. Morris, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report:

That in the opinion of your committee, it deeply concerns the honour of the state of Maryland, as well as the interests of her people at large, that the claims, recently set up by the representatives of Louisa Browning, a daughter of Charles, Lord Baltimore, (claims long since denounced by the legislature as derogatory to the dignity and sovereignty of the state,) should be resisted.

That the claim threatens the rights and possessions of many thousands of our citizens, whom the state is, by every obligation, bound to protect; and that it would be at once unsafe and unjust to allow the burden of resistance to rest upon individuals.

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the governor and council be, and they are hereby authorised, to select and employ proper counsel, not exceeding two members of the bar of Maryland, to appear to the suits now pending against citizens of this state, in the supreme or circuit courts of the United States, for arrearages of quit-rents claimed by the administrator of Louisa Browning.

Resolved, That the governor be, and he is hereby authorised, to draw upon the treasurer of the western shore, for such sum or sums of money, as may be necessary to compensate such counsel, and to defray all necessary incidental expenses, incurred in obtaining necessary documents, or otherwise in defending the said suits.

By order,

Isaac Hines, Clk.