

Mr. A. E. Jones delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Somerset county, praying the passage of a law to confirm the acts and proceedings of certain commissioners appointed by Somerset county court, in virtue of the act of assembly passed at December session eighteen hundred and eighteen, chapter eighty-nine, also to authorise the building of an additional bridge across the Menokin river, at or near the steam mill, and the laying off and condemnation of a public landing place, at or near said bridge, under the direction and control of the levy court of said county, respectfully beg leave to report, that having taken the subject into consideration, and fully examined all the facts and circumstances of the case, find, that by an act passed at December session eighteen hundred and twenty-three, chapter seventy-three, the levy court of said county is invested with full and ample powers, to open and make public roads, when the public interest and convenience so require; and that by an act of the same session, chapter one hundred and twenty, the same court is also clothed with similar powers in regard to public landing places; and to which tribunal, as regards those objects, your committee beg leave respectfully to refer the petitioners. But inasmuch as doubts have been entertained with respect to the right of erecting a bridge over the river, without the aid of the legislature, the committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the levy court of Somerset county be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to cause to be erected an additional bridge across the Menokin river, at or near the steam mill, situated within the western precincts of the Town of Princess-Anne in said county, if in their judgment and discretion they shall be of opinion, and so determine, that the public interest and convenience actually require the opening of a public road, and the erection of an additional bridge, in the manner located and described by the report of certain commissioners, appointed by Somerset county court, at May term eighteen hundred and twenty-three, in virtue of the act of assembly passed at December session eighteen hundred and eighteen, chapter eighty-nine, provided the said bridge shall be so constructed as not to impede or obstruct the navigation of the said river, as now used and enjoyed by boatmen, or any other description of persons; and provided also, that for the erection and completion of said bridge, there shall not be assessed and levied on the assessable property of said county, altogether more than the sum of four hundred dollars current money. All which is respectfully submitted.

By order. J. M. Baden, Clk.

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

Ordered, That it be entered on the journal, that the absence of *Mr. Williams* from the house has been in consequence of sickness.

On motion by *Mr. Millard*, Ordered, That the bill relative to pilots, be the order of the day for the 15th inst.

The bill to relieve executors and administrators from the obligation of performing the duties of guardians, as is required by an act passed at December session 1820, chapter 174, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Kennedy obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to alter the time of electing representatives of this state in the congress of the United States. Ordered, That Messrs. *Kennedy*, *Kershner* and *Sick*, report the same.