

communication as relates to the defenceless and unprotected situation in which the state has been left by the General Government, the calamities of the war, and the means of defence, be referred to a select committee of five members, to consider and report thereon; to wit, Messrs. John H. Thomas, Kilgour, Randall, Callis and Causin.

That so much of the said communication as relates to proposed improvements in the militia system, be referred to a select committee of seven members, to consider and report thereon; to wit: Messrs. Plater, Potter, Tilghman, Jonathan Spencer, Crabb, Belt and Quinton.

That so much of the said communication as relates to the removal of the public records and papers, be referred to a select committee of five members, to consider and report thereon; to wit: Messrs. Howard, Dorsey, Stonestreet, Cottman and Gabby.

That so much of the said communication as relates to the propriety of adopting a system of general education, be referred to a select committee of seven members, to consider and report thereon; to wit: Messrs. Parnham, Williams, John R. Evans, Taney, Maulsby, Emory and Claude.

That so much of the communication of the executive, dated Dec. 10, 1813, transmitting copies of the acts of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, relative to the completion of the canal between the river Delaware and Chesapeake Bay, be referred to a select committee of five members, to consider and report thereon; to wit: Messrs. Bayly, Hogg, Forwood, (of Wm.) Handy and Saulsbury.

That so much of the said last communication, as relates to the amendment proposed by the Legislature of North Carolina, to the constitution of the United States, be referred to a select committee of five members, to consider and report thereon; to wit: Messrs. Lecompte, Mason, Bayly, S. Stevens and Blackiston.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill entitled, an act for the relief of Sarah Wooters, of Caroline county; the bill entitled, an act for the relief of James Rea, of Harford county; the bill entitled, an act for the relief of Joshua Dorsey, of the city of Baltimore; the bill entitled, an act to repeal an act entitled, an act to encourage the destruction of crows in the several counties therein mentioned, so far as it relates to Saint Mary's, and Harford counties; the bill entitled, an act for the relief of Ann Gentle, Sylvester Hunt and Allen Demar, of Prince George's county; the bill entitled, an act to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year; and the bill entitled, an act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of completing the German Lutheran Church in Taney town, in Frederick county, and for other purposes, severally endorsed "will pass." *Ordered* to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. John H. Thomas, the question was put, that the house adopt the following order: *Ordered*, That the resolution submitted to the house on the 13th inst. for paying, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, the state's quota of the direct tax laid by the general government, be referred to the committee appointed on that part of the communication of the executive, which relates to the loan made in virtue of a resolve of the last General Assembly, and the financial resources of the state.

The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Plater, Millard, Blackiston, Boyer, Hands, Brown, Blake Turner, Stonestreet, Ford, Parnham, Rogerson, Long, Stewart, Griffith, Tootel, Lecompte, John R. Evans, Lusby, Hogg, Robert Evans, Somervell, Callis, Wilson, Quinton, Handy, John Thomas, Delaplane, John H. Thomas, Potter, Jones, Kilgour, Crabb, Riggs, Hilleary, Robinett, M'Culloh, Howard, Cottman—39.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Belt, Dorsey, Wm. Hall, Randall, Harryman, Warner, Bennett, Martin, S. Stevens, Claude, Duvall, Emory, Wright, Maulsby, Saulsbury, Forwood, (of Wm.) Culbreth, Willis, Barney, Tilghman, Mason, Kershner, Gabby—23.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Harryman, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, a further supplement to the act entitled, an act to lay out a road from William Sinklair's plantation, to Vaughan's mill run, and Gunpowder Mills, and from thence to the Owl Branch, passed at November session eighteen hundred and two. *Ordered*, That Messrs. Harryman, Warner and Randall be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. Emory, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act to alter so much of the constitution and form of government as relates to the election of the governor of the state, and for other purposes. *Ordered*, That Messrs. Emory, Bennett and Wilson be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. Emory, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act to abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relates to the appointment of an executive council. *Ordered*, That Messrs. Emory, Bennett and Wilson be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Potter delivers a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Rachel Rowans, of Dorchester county; Mr. Parnham a bill entitled, an act authorising Alexander Johnson, late sheriff and collector of Charles county, to complete his collection; and Mr. Lecompte a bill entitled, an act authorising John Newton, late sheriff and collector of Dorchester county to complete his collections; which were severally read.

Mr. Lecompte delivers a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of James Hooper, James Lecompte, and William Frazier of Dorchester county; which was read the first and second time by special order and passed.