

bridge and the establishment of a bank at or near Rock Run. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Evans, Hogg and Forwood of Wm.

Mr. Forwood of Wm. from the committee, delivers the following report :

The committee to whom was referred the petition of John Norris of Harford county, report, That they have examined the papers of said Norris, and are of opinion that the auditor would be the proper person to examine and adjust the claims of the said Norris, and to report to the next general assembly what sum, if any, is due to the said Norris, they, therefore, submit the following resolution: *Resolved*, That the application of John Norris, of Harford county, be and the same is hereby referred to the consideration of the auditor, who is authorised and required to examine the same, and to report to the next general assembly what sum of money, if any, is due to the said Norris, on account of costs and expenses incurred by him in prosecuting a suit in equity against the state for and on account of a tract or part of a tract of land sold by the state to the said John Norris and Jacob Norris, called Bun.

By order, LOUIS GASSAWAY, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Bradford delivers a petition from Samuel Harper, of Harford county, praying indemnification for the injury done to him by a road passing through his land. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Bradford, Forwood of Wm. and Dallam.

On motion by Mr. John H. Thomas, Ordered, That so much of the communication of the executive of this state as relates to the loan made under the authority of former resolves of the legislature, together with such parts thereof as concern the public expenditure and financial resources of the state, be referred to a select committee of seven members, to consider and report thereon, viz: Messrs. Van Horn, Bayly, Lecompte, Emory, Neale, Blake and Gabby.

That so much of the said communication as relates to the raising troops, by enlistment for the defence of the state, be referred to the committee appointed on the militia system, to consider and report thereon.

That so much of the said communication as relates to the policy of the general government, and the existing state of public affairs, be referred to a select committee of five members, to consider and report thereon, viz: Messrs. J. H. Thomas, Driver, Kilgour, Causin and Mitchell.

Mr. McDonald delivers a bill, entitled, an act for the relief of Cain Sewell of Caroline county. Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Gabby, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, an additional supplement to the act, entitled, an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road leading to Cumberland; and for the extension of the charters of the several banks in this state, and for other purposes, passed at November session, 1812, Ordered, That Messrs. Gabby, Schaeibly and Kell, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Hilleary delivers a petition from William Roberts, an old soldier. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Hilleary, McMahon and Lantz.

The house adjourns until to morrow morning nine o'clock.

THURSDAY, December 15.

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

Tobias E. Stansbury, Esquire, a delegate returned for Baltimore county, John Forwood of Jb. Esquire, a delegate returned for Harford county, and Ephraim K. Wilson, Esquire, a delegate returned for Worcester county, appeared, qualified and took their seats in the house.

Mr. Emory delivers a petition from Sarah Glanville, wife of William Glanville, of Kent county, praying a divorce. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Emory, Brown and Long.

Mr. Harryman delivers a petition from Edward Norwood of Baltimore county, praying that the Baltimore and Columbia Turnpike Company, may be prohibited from making a road through his farm, in the direction in which it has been laid out. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Harryman, Warner, Kell, Worthington and Beall.

Mr. Lecompte from the committee, delivers the following report :

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Francis Rowina, of Dorchester county, praying that a law may pass cutting off the entail from a certain tract of land now in his possession, beg leave to report, that there appeared no evidence of the truth of the facts stated, other than that of the petitioner—and were the facts fully substantiated, the committee are of opinion that the prayer could not be granted without an interference with private rights, wholly unauthorised by any just principles of legislation: They therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order,

LOUIS GASSAWAY, Clk.

Which was read the first and second time by special order and concurred in.

On motion by Mr. Van Horn, ordered, That the committee appointed on so much of the executive communication as relates to the public expenditures and financial resources of the state have leave to sit during the sitting of the house.

On motion by Mr. Emory, ordered, that the committee on military affairs be instructed to enquire into the expediency of erecting in Queen Ann's, and other exposed counties, arsenals of sufficient size to contain the arms and necessary military munitions for the militia of such counties.

Mr. Kell delivers a petition from Joseph Myers of the city of Baltimore, an insolvent debtor, and a petition from William Ball, an insolvent debtor. Which were read and referred to the standing committee on similar petitions.

Mr. Lecompte delivers a petition from John Graham, of Dorchester county, praying that certain lands belonging to the children of William Insley, may be sold. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Lecompte, Stewart and Griffith.

Mr. Kell delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, praying a lottery