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therefrom. The above state of facts appearing to be true, and that he is well attached to the liberty and independence of this state, your committee are therefore of opinion, that he is entitled to every privilege of a free citizen. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

Mr. Edward Courfey, a delegate returned for Queen-Anne's county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took his seat in the house.

A petition from Nathaniel Manning, of Dorchester county, setting forth, that he resides in a neck upon Great Choptank river, about twelve miles distant from the town of Cambridge, and that the main county road, which leads from the said town to captain Edward Noel's, passes by his house, at the distance of less than one mile; that he never yet hath had a public road from said main road to his dwelling plantation, and praying an act to enable him to cut and make a road from the main road leading from Cambridge to captain Edward Noel's, to his dwelling plantation; was preferred and read, and referred to the committee on private petitions.

The report on the petition of Thomas and John White was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

The following message was prepared, and sent to the senate by Mr. Stull and Mr. Courts:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 16, 1782.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE propose that a joint letter be written by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of delegates, notifying to the gentlemen chosen into the council their election.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Mr. Kent, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the resolution of congress of the 10th of September last, beg leave to report, That they are of opinion, commissioners ought to be appointed in each county, to ascertain as speedily as possible the value of all slaves and other property which have been carried off or destroyed in the course of the war by the enemy, and return the same to the governor and council, to enable them to transmit to the minister for foreign affairs quadruplicate copies thereof under the seal of this state. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

G. RANKEN, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto; and Mr. Hall, Mr. B. Worthington, and Mr. Dashiell, were appointed a committee by Mr. Speaker to bring in the same.

Mr. Forrest has leave of absence till Saturday next.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 16, 1782.

GENTLEMEN,

WE agree to the mode proposed in your message by Messieurs Stull and Courts, of informing the gentlemen chosen counsellors of their appointment.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, November 18, 1782.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Norris, Mr. Smithson, Mr. Bowie, and Mr. Brogden. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. David Shriver, a delegate returned for Frederick county, and Mr. William Rowland, a delegate returned for Cæcil county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government took their seats in the house.

A petition from John Evans, senior, and others, setting forth, that they neglected to take the oath of fidelity and support to this state, which by the act for the better security of government they were enjoined to do; that such neglect did not proceed from want of attachment to the state or inclination to support the freedom and independence of America, but being at that time ignorant of the duty they owed to their country, and influenced by the advice and example of other men, was the cause of such neglect, and praying relief in the premises aforesaid; was preferred and read, and referred to the committee appointed to consider and report on the petitions of nonjurors.

On motion by Mr. M'Mechen seconded by Mr. Stull, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for removing original papers in the late prerogative office to the several orphans courts in this