

Mr. Nicholas Worthington brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report from the committee appointed to inquire what laws have expired, or will expire during this session, or at the close thereof.

A petition from Joseph Clark, of the city of Annapolis, praying an advance of money to enable him to pay the workmen employed on the public buildings, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Jackson, Mr. Quynn, Mr. W. Bowie, Mr. Duvall and Mr. John Seney, to consider and report thereon.

Whereas Mordecai Amos, of Harford county, by his petition, hath set forth, that he became a purchaser of four hundred and seventy-five acres of land, within the reserves of the manor, of the late state agent, and that certificates of survey have been returned to the land-office; and further, that he hath sold the aforesaid land, and cannot, under the rules of the land-office, procure a patent until six months after the return of the certificate of survey, whereby he is prevented from removing his family out of the state within that time, and praying to be indulged in his particular situation; which appearing reasonable, RESOLVED, That as soon as the said Mordecai Amos shall fully and completely pay the full amount of the aforesaid purchase, and all costs for surveying and patenting the same, he shall be and is hereby declared to be entitled to receive the patent from the land-office, in the same manner as if the said certificate had been lodged the time limited by law, any thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Duvall, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act for laying out roads from Snell's bridge and Green's bridge on Patuxent, to the bridge over Patapsco falls, near Ellicott's lower mills; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Fishman appeared in the house.

On the second reading the supplement to the act for laying out roads from Snell's bridge and Green's bridge on Patuxent, to the bridge over Patapsco falls, near Ellicott's lower mills, by especial order, the question was put, That the following words be struck out? "And of the persons so summoned, the said commissioners and the party interested shall alternately strike out one, until the number twelve shall remain, and the said twelve persons so remaining shall be the jury, and shall take an oath, or affirmation, truly and impartially to estimate the damages of the party, according to the direction of this act, and the best of their judgment, and the said jurors, or any number not less than nine of them, shall, on their oath aforesaid, estimate and value the said damages." Determined in the negative.

On motion, the question was put, That the following clause be received as an amendment to the said bill? "Provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall in any manner affect the right of any person or persons to prosecute their action or suit at law against the said commissioners, for the recovery of any damages assessed under the said act, if he or they should think proper." The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. B. Worthington, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Thomas,	Harwood,	N. Worthington,	B. Worthington,	Duvall.	5.
N E G A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Abell,	Cockey,	Lecompte,	Quynn,	Henry,	M'Mechen,
	Read,	Ridgely,	Bravard,	John Seney,	T. Johnson,	Cellars,
	Taney,	Sherwood,	Bond,	Joshua Seney,	Faw,	Taylor,
	Dent,	Hayward,	Matthews,	Jackson,	Scott,	Burgets,
	Parnham,	Stewart,	S. Miller,	Brown,	Norris,	Oneale,
	M'Pherson,	Shaw,	Crauturd,	Purnell,	Walker,	Griffith.
	Chapman,	Pattison,	Digges,	Mitchell,		40.

So it was determined in the negative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to compel the attendance of the members of the general assembly, endorsed; "By the senate, November 24, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 1, 1787: Read the second time and committed for amendment.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 4, 1787: Read the first and second time with the proposed amendments and will pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the 8th line of the first page, after the word "assembly," insert "or after appearance shall absent himself without leave." In the 3d line from the bottom of the 1st page, strike out from the word "annually" to the word "session" in the last line inclusive, and insert "appointed by ballot for the purpose aforesaid by the house of which they are respectively members, on the second Wednesday of every session." After the word "two," in the 3d line from the bottom of the second page, insert "commence on the first Monday of March next, and."

And a petition from Thomas Fowler, of Anne-Arundel county, setting forth, that he has the care of an orphan, the son of a soldier, and praying an allowance for the board and cloathing of the said