

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying an act may pass to discountenance and punish vice and immorality, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Faw, Mr. Potts, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Matthews and Mr. O'Neale, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from James Boggs, of Cæcil county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Duvall, Mr. Matthews and Mr. Bond, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Archibald Job, of Cæcil county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Potts, Mr. Stewart and Mr. J. Tilghman, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from the justices of the peace of Cæcil county, setting forth, that great difficulties have arisen on account of the law not being clear and intelligible respecting poor debtors taken on executions granted by a single magistrate, or by the county court, and praying that the law respecting insolvent debtors may be amended, and that a mode may be struck out to compel the creditors, at whose suit poor debtors are confined in gaol, to furnish them with necessary support; was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Archibald Job.

The petition of Alexander Furnival, referred from the last to the present session, was read and referred to Mr. Duvall, Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Henry and Mr. Coulter, to consider and report thereon.

On the second reading the report of elections and privileges, the following question was propounded, viz. That that part of the report respecting Robert Bowie, Esquire, one of the sitting members from Prince-George's county, being a collector of the tax for said county, and was such at the time of the election for delegates to represent said county in general assembly, be struck out? The previous question was called for and put, That the said question be now put? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That it be postponed for further consideration, until the second reading of the petition against the eligibility of the said Robert Bowie, Esquire? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, ORDERED, That the memorial of Fielder Bowie, Esquire, respecting the election of Robert Bowie, Esquire, a delegate returned for Prince-George's county, be read a second time on Wednesday next; that notice thereof be given to the parties concerned, and that they be informed, that the clerk of this house will issue subpoenas for such witnesses as they may deem necessary, and that they will be heard by council, if required.

Mr. Duvall has leave of absence till Monday next.

Mr. Speaker lays before the house a letter from John Lee Webster, Esquire, respecting his being returned a delegate for Harford county; which was read.

Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Henry has leave of absence.

A petition from the justices of Dorchester county, praying an act may pass declaring the road leading from Talbot court-house to Choptank river through the land of William Akers, a public main road, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Shaw, Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Chamberlaine, Mr. Murray and Mr. J. Tilghman, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to enable the inhabitants of Saint Paul's parish, in Queen-Anne's county, to elect vestrymen and churchwardens for said parish. ORDERED, That Mr. Sewell, Mr. J. Tilghman and Mr. Seney, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition and memorial from Bushrod and Corbin Washington, executors of John Augustine Washington, praying the treasurer may be authorized to issue certificates for the balance due the deceased on the sale of the property of the Principio company, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Digges, Mr. Potts, Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Duvall, to consider and report thereon.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, November 8, 1788.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Duvall and Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Henry. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Walter Bowie, a delegate returned for Prince-George's county, and Mr. William Tilghman, a delegate returned for Kent county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took their seats in the house.

The petition of Henry Stevenson and Solomon Hellen, referred from the last to the present session, was read and referred to Mr. Cockey, Mr. Shaw and Mr. Ridgely, of William, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Cumberland Dugan, of Baltimore-town, stating, that he hath a claim against the state for bread furnished during the late war, and praying a settlement of his account; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Fraizer, Mr. O'Neale, Mr. J. S. Purnell; Mr. Ridgely, of William, and Mr. Chase, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Jehu Bowen, of Baltimore county, an officer in the late war, setting forth, that he was wounded in the battle at German-town, and thereby rendered incapable to pursue his business, and praying relief; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Forrest, Mr. Lecompte, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Cockey and Mr. Ridgely, to consider and report thereon.

The petition of Robert Hodgson, referred from the last to the present session, was read, and referred to Mr. Sewell, Mr. S. Miller, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Bravard and Mr. Seney, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of this state, praying a public fair may be established at a place commonly called the town of Warwick, in Cæcil county, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Robert Hodgson.