

inspected at that time in the year 1785 and not yet called for, to contribute, in some degree, to his relief from that heavy expence which he has been at in consequence of his suretyship; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Chapman, Mr. Matthews and Mr. Faw, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from George Hanson, late sheriff of Kent county, praying an act may pass, empowering him to collect officers fees due to him in the same speedy way he might or could have done while sheriff of said county, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on the petition of James O'Bryon.

The order of the day respecting the petitions of Jonathan Hagar and Daniel Heester, is postponed till Wednesday next.

A petition from John Parker, of Prince-George's county, setting forth, that a slave of his was condemned in Prince-George's county court to be hanged, for committing a rape on the body of a white woman; that his excellency governor Smallwood reprieved him, on condition that he should be transported to the West-Indies; that before an opportunity offered to transport said slave he ran away, and was taken and committed to the sheriff of Frederick county, who advertised him, and afterwards sold him for his prison fees, and praying a compensation for said slave; was preferred, read, and referred to the committee of claims to consider and report thereon.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, November 24, 1788.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. S. Miller, Mr. Blake, Mr. Kerr and Mr. Duvall. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The report on the petition of Cumberland Dugan, was read the second time and concurred with.

ORDERED, That Mr. Quynn be added to the committee on the petition of Nicholas Ruxton Moore.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford-town, in Harford county, respecting the post road from Havre-de-Grace to Baltimore-town, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. O'Neale, Mr. Cockey and Mr. Murray, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of James Hinds, beg leave to report, that the petitioner having been enlisted on the 13th day of April, 1777, for the war, and not appearing to have been mustered after the 1st day of January, 1780, and no proof having been produced, that he continued in the army until the end of the war, your committee are of opinion, that under such circumstances it would be setting a dangerous precedent to grant the petitioner any relief. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

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

By the **COMMITTEE** appointed to prepare and bring in a bill directing the time, places and manner, of holding elections for representatives of this state in the congress of the United States, and for appointing electors on the part of this state for choosing a president and vice-president of the United States.

IN obedience to the order of the honourable house of the 22d instant, the committee beg leave to report, that immediately after their appointment they proceeded to consider the subject referred to them, and to adjust the principles upon which they should prepare the bill; that great diversity of sentiment prevailing among the members on the proper manner of electing representatives to congress, the investigation of that point alone has hitherto engaged the whole time and attention of the committee; in consequence whereof, they have only to submit to the honourable house the following resolution: **RESOLVED**, That the people of the western shore, by an election in each county thereof, elect four representatives, and the people of the eastern shore, by an election in each county thereof, elect two representatives.

By order,

A. GOLDRER, clk.

Which was read.

ON motion, **ORDERED**, That this house will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering the said report, and the subject matter of the bill therein mentioned.

The petition of Thomas Wirt, referred from the last to the present session, was read, and referred to Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Bravard and Mr. Ridgely, of William, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Walter Hanson and Mungo Mufschett, setting forth, that they are indebted to the state for property purchased of the late intendant of the revenue, which they had been in possession of for many years before the purchase, and praying an act may pass to make null and void the bonds by them given to the state; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Quynn, Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Murray and Mr. Duvall, to consider and report thereon.

The petition of Samuel G. Osborne, referred from the last to the present session, was read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, of William, Mr. Dent and Mr. Pinkney, to consider and report thereon.

Whereas it appears that the claims against the confiscated property of Robert Christie amount to a considerable sum more than the net proceeds thereof, many of which claims are not finally decided on, but remain with the auditor for farther investigation: And whereas it is unreasonable, that those whose claims have been legally passed should receive no satisfaction until such doubtful claims