

Mr. Speaker laid before the house a letter from the president of the council of the 9th instant, with sundry enclosures respecting colonel Richardson, one of the agents of the state; which were read.

A petition, counter to the petition from sundry inhabitants of Caroline county respecting the seat of justice, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition from sundry inhabitants of Caroline county.

A petition from Richard Harrison, respecting his agency while on the island of Martinique, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Henry, Mr. Craik and Mr. B. Worthington, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Sarah Hall, stating that she is confined in Baltimore county gaol, and praying relief; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. Mr. W. Tilghman, Mr. Ott, Mr. Dalhiell and Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Henry, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Robert Britt, late a soldier in the Maryland artillery, praying the depreciation of his pay, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. Mr. Lynn, Mr. Shryock and Mr. Quynn, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Eleanor Summers, of Baltimore county, praying the depreciation of pay due her son as a soldier in the Maryland line, who is since dead, was preferred, read, and referred to the above committee to consider and report thereon.

A petition from the justices of Baltimore county, respecting a fee bill, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Sterett, Mr. W. Tilghman, Mr. Seney and Mr. Pinkney, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Dennis Downey, late a serjeant in the third Maryland regiment, praying the depreciation of his pay, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on the petition of Robert Britt.

A petition from Alexander M<sup>c</sup>Pherson and others, debtors to the state, praying further indulgence, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. J. Tilghman, Mr. Oneale, Mr. Craik, Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Henry and Mr. Clark, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Charles county, debtors for confiscated property purchased, and praying relief, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Pinkney, Mr. W. Tilghman, Mr. Craik, Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. Mr. J. Tilghman and Mr. Sterett, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants living on the reserve lands in Baltimore county, stating that they purchased lands of the intendant, for which they passed their bonds, and praying three years longer for the payment of the same; was preferred, read, and referred to the above committee on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Charles county, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel county, praying an act may pass to establish a public warehouse, for the reception of tobacco, at Trace's Landing, on Herring Creek, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed to bring in a bill for the inspection of tobacco.

A petition from Elizabeth Elder, of Anne-Arundel county, administratrix of Ely Elder, deceased, praying an act may pass empowering her to dispose of part of the real estate of the deceased, for the purpose of paying his debts, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Dorsey, Mr. J. Worthington and Mr. Fraizer, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying a division of said county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Winder, Mr. Faw, Mr. J. Tilghman, Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Dalhiell, Mr. Lynn and Mr. Stull, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from George Wolf, a languishing prisoner in Baltimore county gaol, praying to be liberated, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on the petition of Adam Bontz, of Frederick county, to consider and report thereon.

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

By the COMMITTEE of ELECTIONS and PRIVILEGES.

YOUR committee beg leave to report, that by the certificate of the sheriff of Saint-Mary's county it appears, that Henry James Carroll, Zachariah Forrest, Richard Barnes and James Hope-well, Esquires, are elected and duly returned delegates for said county; that by the certificate of the sheriff of Kent county it appears, that William Tilghman, Matthew Tilghman, John Moore and Peregrine Lethbrury, Esquires, are elected and duly returned delegates for said county; that by the certificate of the sheriff of Anne-Arundel county it appears, that Nicholas Worthington, John G. Worthington, Richard Harwood and Brice T. B. Worthington, Esquires, are elected and duly returned delegates for said county; that by the certificate of the sheriff of Calvert county it appears, that Alexander Fraizer, Thomas Gaar, Peregrine Freeland and John Somervell, Esquires, are elected and duly returned delegates for said county; that by the certificate of the sheriff of Charles county it appears, that George Dent, John Parnham, William Craik and William H. M<sup>c</sup>Pherson, Esquires, are elected and duly returned delegates for said county; that by the certificate of the sheriff of Baltimore county it appears, that Charles Ridgely, Charles Ridgely, of William, James Gittings and Richard Owings, Esquires, are elected and duly returned delegates for said county; that by the certificate of the sheriff of Talbot county it appears, that Hugh Sherwood, of Huntington, James Tilghman, Edward Lloyd and David Kerr, Esquires, are elected and duly returned delegates for said county; that by the certificate of the sheriff of Somerset county it appears, that Tubman Lowes, John Stewart, John Gale and Levin Winder, Esquires, are elected and duly returned delegates for said county; that by the certificate of the sheriff of Dorchester county it appears, that William Vans Murray, James Shaw, Moses Lecompte and James Steele, Esquires, are elected and duly returned delegates for said county; that by the certificate of the sheriff of Cecil county it appears,