

red, read, and referred to the committee appointed to consider and report on the petition of Francis Clements.

Mr. Sterett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to establish fees for the justices of the peace; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Thomas Smyth, jun. of Kent county, stating that he is unable to discharge his debts, and praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the memorial of Samuel Chase.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Lowes.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 17, 1789.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE propose immediately to proceed to the election of a council to the governor, and have appointed Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. Mr. Carroll and Mr. J. Worthington, to join the members who may be appointed by your house, to examine the ballot boxes. The following gentlemen, viz. William Hindman, major John Davidson, Richard Sprigg, jun. Randolph Brandt Latimer, James Brice, John Kilty, Robert Wright, Benjamin Harrison, James Shaw, Thomas Jennings, John Brice and Josias Carvill Hall, Esquires, are nominated by this house to be balloted for as members of the council.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Cæcil county, with their securities, holding lands in New Connaught Manor, stating that they are indebted to the state for lands purchased of the intendant of the revenue, which they cannot pay within the time specified by contract; and praying to be indulged till the first day of January, 1792; was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Charles county, on the same subject.

The petition of Richard Oldham, referred from the last to the present session, was read and referred to Mr. Matthews, Mr. Oneale and Mr. Pinkney, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from James Harthorn and James Orrick, stating that they were appointed trustees for the creditors of George Cather, an insolvent debtor; that the said Cather is indebted to the state for property purchased of the late intendant, which, if sold at a sheriff's sale at this time, will not be sufficient to discharge the debt due to the state; and praying the payment of the state debt may be suspended till the first day of January, 1791; was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Charles county respecting the purchase of confiscated property.

Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom were referred the petitions of Robert Britt, Eleanor Summers, administratrix of James Quay, John Klein, John Dorrent, John Lanham, Daniel Shalleys, John Sheridan, Bartholomew Calloon and Dennis Downey, late soldiers in the continental army, beg leave to report, that they have examined the several vouchers adduced, and find the facts therein stated to be true. Your committee therefore recommend a resolution to pass, authorising and directing the auditor-general to liquidate the depreciation on their pay, and to grant them respectively a certificate for what may appear to him to be justly due. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. M^r Henry, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to regulate the assize of bread; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Smyth, jun. beg leave to report, that they have considered the subject of the said petition, and are of opinion that it will be reasonable to pass a law discharging the petitioner from all his debts, agreeably to the terms of the insolvent law now in force, on his conveying all his property of every kind for the use of his creditors. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Stephen Price, late a sergeant in the Maryland line, stating that he, through unavoidable accidents, lost his depreciation certificate; and praying that the treasurer may be authorized to issue another, upon his giving bond with security; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Lynn, Mr. Oldham and Mr. M^r Pherson, to consider and report thereon.

A petition, counter to the petition of sundry inhabitants of Kent county respecting a road, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the said petition.

The bill to open a road from or near Christian Bower's mill, on Big Pipe Creek, in Frederick county, by Ox Moor's mills, on Patapsco Falls, to intersect the great public road leading from Winchester-town to Baltimore-town, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Ridgely, of Wm.

Mr. Harwood appeared in the house.

A petition from Charles Mankin, former collector of Charles county, stating that his and securities property has been sold by the state agent for the balance due the state; that considerable sums of money are due him from his deputy-collectors, which will enable him, when recovered, to discharge the debt to the state; and praying he may be indulged till the first day of June next to redeem the property