

F R I D A Y, November 20, 1789.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. N. Worthington be added to the committee appointed to report on the expiring laws.

Mr. Lowes, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report on the petition of Margaret Hudson, of Baltimore-town; which was read.

The report on the petition of fundry inhabitants of Caroline county, and the counter petition thereto, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Resolved in the affirmative. Leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. J. Tilghman, Mr. W. Tilghman, Mr. Shaw and Mr. Mafon, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The order of the day for reading the bill directing the time, places and manner, of holding elections, &c. is postponed till to-morrow morning.

The report on the petition of Sarah Hall, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Resolved in the affirmative. Leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of Elk-Ridge Landing, praying to streighten and open the road from said landing to Hammond's Ferry, in Anne-Arundel county, beg leave to report, that they have inquired into the circumstances of said petition, and find that notice of the petitioners intention to make application to the legislature to pass a law, was not given in time, agreeably to a rule of this house; and it does not appear to your committee that the owners of the land, where the said road would pass, have signed the petition, as stated in the same; your committee are therefore of opinion that the said petition ought to be rejected. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of James John Skinner, late an officer in the Maryland line, beg leave to report, that they have examined the facts therein set forth, and find them true.

Your committee are of opinion, that from the peculiar circumstances of lieutenant Skinner's case, his early and long services in the field merits the interposition of the legislature.

Your committee are therefore of opinion that the commissioners appointed to distribute the land among the officers and soldiers of the Maryland line, should be directed to deliver lieutenant James John Skinner a ticket containing four lots of land westward of Fort Cumberland, in like manner as to other officers of the Maryland line, agreeably to the act, entitled, An act to dispose of the reserved lands westward of Fort Cumberland, in Washington county, and to fulfil the engagements made by this state to the officers and soldiers of the Maryland line, in the service of the United States.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William West, Daniel Bowley and Richard Ridgely, beg leave to report, that they have taken the subject thereof into their consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners, under the circumstances of their case, ought to be granted, on condition that they pay all costs incurred by the state in the prosecution of the suit in the said petition mentioned. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. M. Tilghman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report on the petition of Isaac Redgrave, of Kent county; which was read.

A petition from Sarah Buchanan and John Taylor, praying a resolution may pass staying all proceedings against them at the suit of the state, and extending the time which was granted them to make their last payment to the state, by a resolution of the legislature at their last session, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Barnes, Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Norris, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, ORDERED, That the report on the memorial of Francis Deakins, have a second reading to-morrow morning.

The bill to regulate the assize of bread, was sent to the senate by Mr. Faw.

The engrossed bill No. 1, was read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by Mr. Craik.

The bill for the relief of William Robertson, of Montgomery, and Robert Amos, jun. of Harford county, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Burgels.

The bill for the benefit of Samuel Chase, of Baltimore-town, was read the second time by especial order, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative. Sent to the senate by Mr. Pinkney.

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