

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the preservation of wild deer, and for other purposes. ORDERED, That Mr. Gale, Mr. Shaw, M^r. Lecompte and Mr. Lowes, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Matthews, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom were referred the petitions of Richard Oldham and Zebulon Oldham, of Cæcil county, beg leave to report, that they have taken said petitions, together with the counter petition of the commissioners of Charles-town, and the other papers relating thereto, referred from the last to the present session, into their consideration, and are satisfied the public have not hitherto derived the advantage intended by the 19th section of the 22d act of 1744, by holding the property in question, and that there is no reasonable probability that it will ever be the case in future. They are therefore of opinion, that as the petitioners have been, and must still be, considerably injured by this property being retained by the public, a law ought to pass repealing the said section of the act aforesaid, and vesting the said property in the petitioner Richard Oldham, reserving to the commissioners of Charles-town a right of using it for the purposes of the said act. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Isaac Houston, a delegate returned for Worcester county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house.

Mr. Ott, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Tamison Alexander, of Cæcil county, beg leave to report, that they have taken said petition into their consideration, and, from the respectable recommendation of the petitioner, are of opinion that she is entitled to the further clemency of the general assembly; and therefore recommend a resolution that no process shall issue against her till the end of the next session, and that if any process has issued against her, it shall be countermanded. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Z. Forrest, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Cartwright, collector of the tax for Saint-Mary's county in the year of 1786, beg leave to report, that they have taken the subject matter of said petition into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true, and are of opinion that an indulgence to the last day of March next, agreeable to the prayer of said petition, ought to be granted, under such rules and regulations as this honourable house may think expedient.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Shryock, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petitions of Daniel Cheston, of Harford county, in the custody of the sheriff of said county, and John Sigfried, of Frederick county, confined in the gaol of said county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true, and that said Cheston has given notice that he intended to make this application. They likewise find that the counter petitioners of said Sigfried have not come forward to support the allegations contained in their petition. Your committee are therefore of opinion that an act of insolvency ought to pass, in the usual form, for their relief. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

The resolution for the further distribution of the property of Robert Christie, was read the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate by Mr. Love.

The report on the petition of William Gillifs, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

The report on the petitions of George Wolf and Samuel Godman, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

A motion being made and seconded, That Mr. Oneale, Mr. Craik, Mr. Faw, Mr. W. Bowie and Mr. B. Worthington, be a committee to inquire into the proceedings of the securities of Thomas Williams, deceased, late collector of the tax for Prince-George's county, respecting said collection, and that they have power to send for persons, papers and records? ORDERED, That the consideration thereof be postponed for a few days.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the more effectual punishment of criminals. ORDERED, That Mr. Sterett, Mr. W. Tilghman and Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Pinkney, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the proprietors of the Susquehanna canal, beg leave to report, that they have considered the subject referred to them, and are of opinion that the interest and prosperity of Maryland are deeply concerned in promoting the objects of the said petition, and that every practicable legislative assistance ought to be afforded to the opening and extending the navigation of the river Susquehanna.

The committee are further of opinion, that the present time affords a fairer opportunity of accomplishing this important undertaking than any will probably occur at any future period, because