

and taken to be a public road for ever, and shall be kept in repair in the same manner as other public roads are directed to be kept in such respective counties." After the first word "by," in the 10th line of the 2d page, insert "any person or." After the word "same," in the 11th line of the same page, strike out the word "same," in the succeeding line, and insert "and the said valuation shall be made before the said commissioners shall proceed to open and clear the." Strike out from the word "commissioners," in the 7th line from the bottom of the same page, the intervening words to the word "it," in the succeeding line. After the word "aforesaid," in the second line from the bottom of said page, strike out the words "who before a," and insert "and the said freeholders shall respectively repair to some." Instead of the word "shall," in the last line of said page, insert the word "and." After the word "oath," in said line, insert "or affirmation." After the word "swear," in the first line of the 3d page, insert "or solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm." Strike out the word "same," in the 3d line of the 3d page, and insert "damages by them assessed." Strike out the words "which valuation so made" in the same line, and insert "and the damages so assessed." Strike out the words "said valuation" in the 4th line of the same page, and insert "valuation ascertained by the said commissioners, or the damages assessed by the said freeholders." Strike out from the word "commissioners," in the 5th line, to the end of the bill, and insert "and the said commissioners shall pay, or secure to be paid, the amount of the said valuation or damages to the respective parties entitled to receive the same, out of the monies to be raised and collected from the subscriptions to the said road, within the space of six months after the ascertainment of such valuation or damages, and before they shall proceed to affect the lands and tenements of the person or persons concerned; provided that the said road shall not go through any houses, garden, meadow or orchard, unless with the consent of the owner thereof."

Which were read.

And a memorial from Benjamin Harwood, of the city of Annapolis, endorsed; "By the senate, November 23, 1789: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

Which was read, and referred to Mr. Oneale, Mr. J. Worthington and Mr. Seney, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Sarah Buchanan and John Taylor, beg leave to report, that they have examined the facts therein contained, and find them truly stated, and are of opinion that the prayer of the said petition is reasonable, and ought to be granted; and therefore suggest to the honourable house the propriety of passing a resolution staying all proceedings against them, at the suit of the state, and extending the time which was granted them to make their last payment in, by a resolution of the legislature at their last session. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. B. Worthington and Mr. R. Bowie be added to the committee appointed on the petition of John Beall.

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

THE committee to whom were referred the petitions of sundry purchasers of confiscated property, beg leave to report, that they have considered the same, and are of opinion that the situation of the petitioners demand the attention of the legislature.

Your committee have declined giving an opinion as to the relief necessary to be granted, as they think it would be improper to take up the subject with a view to a partial indulgence, and conceiving they have no power to report generally, beg leave to recommend that this house appoint a committee to take into consideration the situation of the public creditors and debtors under the consolidating act, and report what steps will be proper for the legislature to take thereon.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and thereupon, ORDERED, That Mr. M'Henry, Mr. Craik, Mr. Murray, Mr. Faw, Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. Mr. Shaw and Mr. B. Worthington, be a committee to take into consideration the situation of the public creditors and debtors under the consolidating act, and to report what steps will be proper for the legislature to take thereon.

A petition from Joseph Renshaw, stating that he had his property executed and sold by the sheriff of Harford county, for the treble tax, and praying redress, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from Micajah Mitchell, of Harford county, stating that he is confined in gaol, and praying to be liberated, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from John Durham, of Harford county, praying an act may pass authorizing him to take into his possession the property of his brother James Durham, who is insane, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. W. Tilghman, Mr. Craik and Mr. Oldham, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Bradburn, of Saint-Mary's county, beg leave to report, that they have examined the allegations therein set forth, and find them true. Your committee are therefore of opinion an act should pass empowering the justices of Saint-