

Which was read, and referred to Mr. Duvall, Mr. N. Worthington and Mr. Oneale, to consider and report thereon.

The resolution respecting Francis Deakins, endorsed; "By the senate, November 21, 1789: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, November 24, 1789: Read the second time and dissented to.

"By order, H. RIDGELY, clk."

And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 25, 1789.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have dissented to the resolution enabling the governor and council to examine and settle the account of Francis Deakins. An act was passed at the last session of assembly, which, among other provisions, appears to have referred the necessary expences attending the survey to the committee of claims; and we retain the opinion, that accounts of such importance ought to be submitted to the consideration of that tribunal. We therefore take the liberty to propose, that the memorial of Mr. Deakins, the accounts, vouchers and other documents, of his services, be referred to that committee, and to suggest the propriety of a distinct report upon this subject. Whilst we have this business in contemplation, we also propose, that all considerable claims which may be submitted to the examination of that committee, should be separately reported on to the house, at an early period of the session, in order that, in cases which so materially affect the interests of our fellow-citizens, the requisite attention may be given to each particular claim by both branches of the legislature, which is too frequently omitted when included in the journal of accounts; for it cannot have escaped your observation, that the period of the session, to which the close of the journal is unavoidably postponed, the multiplicity of accounts comprehended therein, and the impatience of the members to return to their respective families, too often prevent that serious consideration which each particular entry may eventually require.

By order, H. RIDGELY, clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petitions of Richard Oldham and Zebulon Oldham, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therein? Determined in the negative.

The report on the petition of Buford and Corbin Washington, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therein? Determined in the negative.

A petition from Isaac Redgrave, of Kent county, stating that he is confined in gaol, and praying an act of insolvency, was preferred.

The house adjourns till Friday morning 9'clock.

F R I D A Y, November 27, 1789.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Wednesday, except Mr. Burgess. The proceedings of Wednesday were read.

The petition of Isaac Redgrave, of Kent county, was read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. Mr. W. Tilghman and Mr. Dashiell, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Washington county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the subject matter therein contained into their consideration, and find, from a view of a plot of the said county, that the inhabitants in the western parts of the said county labour under great inconvenience from the distance they are from the seat of justice; but whether any or what relief ought to be given them, is submitted to the general assembly.

By order, J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Fraizer appeared in the house.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Swan, Daniel Jenifer and George Scott, beg leave to report, that they have examined the allegations and vouchers in support thereof, and find the same truly stated; that as the whole of the land included by the original field notes has been paid for by the petitioners, and as the courses returned by the surveyor are different from the field notes, and do not include the quantity of land intended and paid for, which must have arisen from the mistake of the surveyor, your committee are of opinion that the petitioners ought not to suffer from this mistake in the public office; that as the surveys of Castle-Hill and Both Ends the Bush, have been since corrected from the original field notes by Thomas Brookes, late surveyor of Washington county, a law or resolution should pass authorising the present surveyor of said county to amend the certificates of the said tracts, and also that of Deer Park, by the original field notes of the said Thomas Brookes, and that the register of the land-office be directed to issue patents agreeably thereto, or that the said register be directed to issue patents for the said tracts called Castle-Hill and Both Ends the Bush, agreeably to the survey as already notified by the said Thomas Brookes. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order, J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.