

tremit indigence of the petitioners, their having paid up the interest, and improved the land without committing waste thereon, are of opinion that the state would be benefited by taking the property again, and thereby save the petitioners, and their helpless families, from pain. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order, T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Henry Hollingsworth, a delegate returned for Cæcil county in the room of Mr. Nathaniel Ramsfy, 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.

On motion, the question was put, That the petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, preferred to the last session of assembly, and referred to the present, now have a first reading? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale, appeared as follow :

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	Carroll,	Fraizer,	Stewart,	R. Bowie,	Dashiell,	Banckes,
	Hopevell,	Freeland,	Gale,	W. Bowie,	Houston,	Whitely,
	M. Tighnan,	Parnham,	Shaw,	Quynn,	Shriver,	Emory,
	Moore,	Craik,	Steele,	O'Brion,	Dorsey,	Sterett,
	N. Worthington,	McPherfon,	Bond,	J. Tilghman,	Norris,	Stuil,
	J. Worthington,	Ridgely,	Matthews,	Purnell,	Pinkney,	Ott,
	Harwood,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Oldham,	Dennis,	Love,	Lynn.
	B. Worthington,	Sherwood,	Hollingsworth,			45.

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Winder,	Murray,	Lecompte,	Mason,	Oneale.	5.
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So it was resolved in the affirmative, and referred to Mr. Fraizer, Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. and Mr. Sterett, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from John Wright, of Worcester county, praying an act may pass to invest him with the fee-simple of part of a tract of land called Smith's First Choice, which a certain William Schoolfield conveyed to Turbutt Wright, a minor, his son, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Craik, Mr. Purnell and Mr. Oneale, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of Richard Mason, was read the second time, concurred with, and thereupon,

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore, or the officer in whose hands the same may be, deliver up to Richard Mason his bond given for the purchase of the schooner Two Sisters, seized by John Courts Jones, Esquire, and sold by order of the court of admiralty, on his producing satisfactory vouchers that he has paid and satisfied all charges and fees which have accrued from the said seizure. Sent to the senate by Mr. Stewart.

John Hall, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolution in favour of Martin Kephart, endorsed; "By the senate, November 30, 1789: Read the first and second time by especial order and dissent to.

"By order, H. RIDGELY, clk."

And the resolution respecting John Pickering, endorsed; "By the senate, November 25, 1789: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, H. RIDGELY, clk."

"By the senate, November 30, 1789: Read the second time and dissented to.

"By order, H. RIDGELY, clk."

The amendments to the bill to regulate the affize of bread, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

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 sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying that commissioners be appointed to open and lay out a road, in the straightest and most convenient manner, from the great falls of Gunpowder, at a place known by the name of Meredith's Ford, until it intersects the main road leading from Baltimore-town to York-town, at a place called Buck's Old Field, beg leave to report, that they are of opinion a law should pass appointing commissioners for that purpose, provided the said road be opened at the expence of the subscribers to the petition. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order, T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

Whereas it will be a considerable convenience to the people of the eastern shore, that the treasurer thereof hold his office at Easton; RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the eastern shore shall in future hold his office, for the transaction of business, at Easton, in Talbot county.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the house proceeded to the choice of the treasurer of the eastern shore; and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time reported, that it appeared that William Richardson, junior, Esquire, had a majority of votes. Whereupon,

RESOLVED, That William Richardson, junior, Esquire, be and he is hereby declared to be the treasurer of the eastern shore.

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