

consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable, and ought to be granted, by empowering the commissioners of the tax for said county to make such allowances as to them may appear reasonable and right. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

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 Samuel G. Osborn, collector of the taxes for Harford county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that that part of said petition which relates to indulgence, comes more properly under the consideration of the committee appointed to report on the consolidating law. Your committee are of opinion the commissioners of the tax for said county ought to be authorized to settle an account with the petitioner, and make him such additional allowance for such insolvences, and other persons removed, as may appear to them to be reasonable and right. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Benjamin Rogers; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Emory brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of John Rofs, of Baltimore county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of fundry inhabitants of Queen-Anne's and Caroline counties, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and believe the facts therein stated to be true.

The committee are persuaded, that without the interference of the legislature, the branch called Long Marsh, which is capable of being rendered very valuable, will be in great measure usefess to the proprietors.

Although the committee would be extremely cautious of recommending any thing which might seem like an invasion of the rights of property, yet from the advantage that will accrue to the proprietors, and from the practice of the legislatures, not only of this but of all other states where property has been found similarly circumstanced, they beg leave to submit it as their opinion, that it will be proper to comply with the prayer of the petition, by passing an act authorising the proprietors of the said marsh to elect, annually, three directors for the purpose of cutting, opening and keeping in repair, sufficient ditches to reclaim the said marsh and preserve it in proper order, and with power, in case any of the proprietors do not pay their proportion of the expence to be assessed by the said directors, after a reasonable notice of the said assessment, to proceed to raise the same by execution of personal property, or by making a lease of the share of such delinquent proprietor for a reasonable term of years, and disposing of the said lease for the best price that can be had for the same.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. W. Tilghman, Mr. Duvall and Mr. J. Tilghman, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. James Tilghman, junior, a delegate returned for Talbot 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.

On the second reading of the amendments to the bill to regulate auctions in Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, the question was put, That the house assent to the first amendment? Determined in the negative.

The amendments being read throughout, the question was put, That the house assent thereto? Determined in the negative.

A representation from Thomas Johnson, junior, was preferred and read.

A petition from Beriah Maybury, was preferred and read.

On motion, the question was put, That the above representation and petition be referred to a committee to consider and report thereon? 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	Moore,	Fraizer,	Lowes,	W. Bowie,	Dashiell,	Banckes,		
	N. Worthington,	M'Pherson,	Shaw,	Quynn,	Bayly,	Whitely,		
	J. Worthington,	Ridgely,	Bond,	Duvall,	Norris,	Sterett,		
	Harwood,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Oldham,	O'Brion,	Love,	M'Henry.	26.	
	B. Worthington,	Owings,						
		N E G A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Carroll,	Sherwood,	Murray,	Dennis,	Emory,	Lynn,		
	W. Tilghman,	J. Tilghman, jun.	R. Bowie,	Houston,	Shryock,	Burgess,		
	Freeland,	Kerr,	Seney,	Faw,	Stull,	Crabb,		
	Craik,	Winder,	Purnell,	Dorsey,	Ott,	Oneale.	24.	

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That Mr. Duvall, Mr. Quynn and Mr. Faw, be a committee to consider and report thereon.