

The house proceeded to ballot for a committee clerk, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike, after some time, reported, that James Winchester, junior, was elected. ORDERED, That he be qualified.

A petition of Susanna Howser, of Frederick county, praying an act may pass, releasing to her the property of her late husband, who was executed for high treason, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Duvall, Mr. Beatty, and Mr. Martin, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to make valid certain certificates of survey of lands formerly in Washington but now in Allegany county, was read the second time by special order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Wilkinson.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, November 11, 1790.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Jones, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the draining of land in the several counties therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from John Baxley, of Baltimore county, praying an act may pass to discharge him from debts which he is unable to pay, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Gough has leave of absence till Monday next.

A petition from sundry pilots of Baltimore town, respecting pilotage, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Smith, Mr. Key, and Mr. Winder, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from John M'Comas, of Harford county, stating, that he is injured by the post road going through his land, and praying relief; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Jones, and Mr. M'Comas, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Conrod Theodore Wederstrandt, of Queen-Anne's county, respecting property taken on the high seas by a British vessel, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Tilghman, Mr. M'Mechen, and Mr. Duvall, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Michael Conner, late a soldier in the Maryland artillery, praying the depreciation of his pay, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Robert Britt.

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

Mr. M'Mechen brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act respecting the marriage of Hercules Courtenay, of Baltimore-town; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. M'Mechen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to establish a bank in Baltimore-town; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Conrod Theodore Wederstrandt, report, that they have considered the facts stated in the said petition, and although the petitioner appears to have been unfortunate, yet your committee are of opinion he has no claim, in justice or equity, to the assistance of the legislature. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Barbara Mumma, of Baltimore county, report, that they have examined the facts stated in said petition, and believe them to be true, and are of opinion that the interference of the legislature, in order to redress the injury therein complained of, would be improper. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to an act, entitled, An act to encourage the destroying of wolves. ORDERED, That Mr. J. Worthington, Mr. Ott, and Mr. Simkins, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Archibald Job, of Cecil county, respecting fees due him, as sheriff of said county, on executions issued by the state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Duvall, Mr. Tilghman, and Mr. J. Worthington, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Ott has leave of absence till Saturday next.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, November 12, 1790.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except the honourable Speaker. The honourable George Dent, Esquire, being indisposed, and unable to attend, the house proceeded to the choice of a speaker, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentle-