

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the relief of the poor of Calvert county. ORDERED, That Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Duvall, and Mr. Mackall, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from John Sewell, of Talbot county, praying an act may pass to divorce him from his wife, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Seney, Mr. Tilghman, and Mr. W. Bowie, to consider and report thereon.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, November 15, 1790.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. W. Bowie, Mr. T. Bond, and Mr. Ridgely. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Thomas Marsh Foreman, a delegate returned for Cæcil county, and Mr. Benjamin Dennis, a delegate returned for Worcester 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 their seats in the house.

A petition from Henry Sibell, of the city of Annapolis, stating, that he is indebted to the state for certain property purchased of the late intendant, in the city of Annapolis, which has been consumed by fire, and praying to be released from the balance due for said property; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. J. Worthington, Mr. Quynn, Mr. Seney, and Mr. B. Worthington, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Henry Ennalls, and others, of Dorchester county, stating, that they became securities for John Stevens, late sheriff and collector of Dorchester county; that they have paid the principal due from the said collector, and praying to be released from the interest due thereon; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Winder, Mr. Lecompte, and Mr. Steele, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from George Bird, of Cæcil county, stating, that he received for taxes the sum of fifteen pounds red money, in lieu of so much specie, and praying the treasurer may be directed to receive the same, and credit him therefor; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. B. Worthington, and Mr. Harris, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from James Calhoun, of Baltimore-town, stating, that he is in possession of a certificate issued by the treasurer of the western shore for £. 38 19 7, with an interest annually of six per cent. and praying a provision for payment; was preferred and read.

On motion, ORDERED, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Kent and Queen-Anne's counties, and the counter petition thereto, referred from the last to the present session, be taken into consideration on Wednesday fortnight.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Sewell, of Talbot county, report, that they have considered the said petition, and find that Eve, the wife of the said Sewell, was convicted in the county court of Talbot county at June term last, of adultery, and of having a mulatto child, and that by the judgment of the said court, the said Eve and her mulatto bastard, were sold as servants, agreeably to the act of assembly in such case made and provided. Your committee therefore are of opinion, that it will be proper to pass an act divorcing the said Sewell from his said wife, and declaring their marriage null and void. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order, JAMES WINCHESTER, jun. clk.

Which was read.

A petition from George Devilbiss, of Frederick county, respecting money paid into the treasury for vacant land and improvements thereon, which is included in an elder survey, and praying the money may be refunded, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Beatty, Mr. Lecompte, and Mr. Bayly, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Robert Hodgson and James Thompson, praying an exclusive right of running stages on the eastern shore, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Seney, Mr. Tilghman, and Mr. Smith, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of the vestry of Saint Paul's parish, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

A petition from William Amos, of Harford county, praying an allowance on his bond to the state for confiscated property which he purchased of the late intendant, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. M'Comas, and Mr. Foreman, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Elizabeth Norris, of Harford county, praying that certain lands therein mentioned may be protected from being seized for arrears of taxes due the state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Duvall, Mr. Parnham, and Mr. Ridgely, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John M'Comas, of Harford county, report, that they have examined the allegations therein contained, together with a certificate from ten of the jury who were empowered to value the land through which the said road was to pass, wherein they certify, that they valued the damages sustained by said petitioner considerably lower than they intended, owing to a mistake or misconstruction of the said law by them.