

A petition from Benedict Woodward, of Frederick county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

The bill to prevent the going at large of swine and geese at Choptank Bridge, in Caroline county, and the bill to enable the justices of Saint-Mary's county to assess a sum of money on the said county for the support of James Mills, son of John, of said county, were sent to the senate by Mr. Hopewell.

William Hindman, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 14, 1791.

GENTLEMEN,

IN answer to your message by Mr. Craik, we agree to proceed to the election of a governor at one o'clock, and have appointed Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, Esquires, to join the members of your house in the examination of the ballot boxes. No person is named by the senate in addition to George Plater, Esquire.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

Which was read.

George Dent, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from the governor, of the 12th instant, enclosing letters from Samuel Sterett, attorney for Messieurs Vanstaphorst, and Messieurs Vanstaphorst, of the 1st of September last, relative to their claim against the state, endorsed; "By the senate, November 14, 1791: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

Which was read. ORDERED, That the subject matter thereof be referred to the committee of ways and means, and that Mr. Pinkney be added to the said committee in the room of Mr. Sency.

A memorial from certain citizens of the states of Pennsylvania and New-Jersey, praying that the state would redeem certain bills of credit emitted in the years 1766, 1769 and 1773, endorsed; "By the senate, November 14, 1791: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

Which was read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. Mr. Mercer, Mr. Oneale, Mr. Craik, Mr. Cresap, Mr. Duvall and Mr. Sherwood, to consider and report thereon.

And a memorial from Samuel Sterett, of Baltimore-town, praying an act of insolvency, endorsed; "By the senate, November 14, 1791: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

Which was read, and referred to Mr. S. Smith, Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Quynn and Mr. Deakins, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act concerning slaves? Resolved in the affirmative. ORDERED, That Mr. Mercer, Mr. Oneale, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Craik and Mr. Goldborough, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The house having qualified agreeably to the constitution and form of government, proceeded to the choice of a governor; and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time reported, that the honourable George Plater, Esquire, was unanimously elected. Whereupon,

RESOLVED, That the honourable George Plater, Esquire, be, and he is hereby declared to be, governor of Maryland.

RESOLVED, That the auditor-general be and he is hereby authorized and directed to examine the musters of the Maryland-line, and other documents that may be produced, and liquidate the depreciation on the pay of James Carvin, late a soldier in the fourth Maryland regiment, and grant him, or his legal representative or representatives, a certificate for what may appear to be justly due.

Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the vestry of Saint-James's parish, in Baltimore county; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate, with the resolution in favour of James Carvin, by Mr. Ridgely, of Wm.

On motion, ORDERED, That the committee appointed to inquire into and report a statement of the public revenue, debts and expenditures, be discharged.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Thomas, Mr. J. Ringgold, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Chesley, Mr. Craik, Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Waggaman, Mr. Lecompte, Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. T. Gantt, Mr. Duvall, Mr. Seney, Mr. J. P. Marshall, Mr. Key, Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Emory, Mr. S. Smith, Mr. Ott, Mr. Oneale and Mr. Jacob, be a committee to inquire into, and report a statement of, the public revenue, debts and expenditures, and that they report such ways and means as may appear to them most eligible for providing for the permanent expences and present exigencies of the state.

A petition from Stephen Clark, of the city of Annapolis, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

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

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to alter, change and explain, the constitution and form of government of this state in certain particulars therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Duvall, Mr. Craik, Mr. Clagett, Mr. Mercer, Mr. J. Worthington and Mr. Tilghman, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Thomas and Joseph Usher, of Baltimore-town, counter to the petition of John Jacob Schly, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of insolvent debtors.