

That the attention of the legislature is frequently drawn to the public roads, and it has been more so of late than heretofore; that as the inhabitants become more numerous, the consequent increase of labour, of manufactures and of commerce, will render them more important objects; that they must finally be laid out and established in the best public directions, having a view to the public good, and the relative situation of the whole; that the deliberations of the legislature upon subjects of this nature will be greatly shortened when they shall have an accurate map of the state before them, and of course money will be saved to the public.

That if it should be found necessary hereafter to divide the state in any other manner than as at present, whether for the apportionment of representatives or taxes, or any other purpose, the advantages of a map are manifest, and it may suggest plans for navigation or other beneficial public works.

Should the house concur with the committee in opinion, that the work ought to be encouraged and forwarded, they are of opinion that three maps of the whole state ought to be furnished for the use of the state, at the usual price, and one of each county on a larger scale.

To enable the undertaker to complete the plan, a loan of £. 1000 will be necessary; the committee therefore recommend to the house the following resolution:

That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby empowered and required to advance to Dennis Griffith, of Anne-Arundel county, one thousand pounds current money, in three payments, to enable him to complete a map of the state; that three hundred pounds be advanced as soon as may be, and the remainder in equal portions, one half on the first of May next, the last payment on the first day of November next; that the said advances be made out of any unappropriated money, or any surplus of appropriations which now are or may come into the treasury; that the said treasurer, on any advance, take bond with security to repay the same in three annual payments, the first to be made on the first day of November, 1795, and the remainder in equal annual payments thereafter, with interest from the aforesaid first day of November, 1795.

By order,

J. O'BRYEN, 3d. clk.

Which was read.

Mr. T. Ringgold, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to regulate the size of bricks, and ascertain the dimensions thereof; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, ORDERED, That the printer to the state strike one hundred copies of the report of the committee of claims, for the use of the members of the legislature.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, counter to the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore, praying a repeal of the law for laying out roads from Belle-Air, by Gunpowder, to Baltimore-town, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on the petition to which it is counter.

A petition from Margaret Myers, of Baltimore-town, praying to be released from a debt due to the state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Cockey and Mr. Duvall, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Bayard, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to prevent swine from going at large in the town of Cumberland, in Allegany county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Green, of Prince-George's county, have taken the same into consideration, and beg leave to report, that they are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted.

By order,

J. WILMER, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

The following question being propounded to the house, viz. That it is the opinion of this house, that any bill for an abolition or alteration of any part of the constitution or form of government of this state, published only among the laws of the session in which such bill passed, is not published according to the direction and intention of the constitution, and that such publication cannot be considered as proper information to the people of this state of any proposed change in their form of government? ORDERED, That the same have a second reading on Saturday next.

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

## T H U R S D A Y, November 22, 1792.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Ford, Mr. Plowden and Mr. Goldsborough. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Adam Ott, a delegate returned for Washington 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. Mr. Hutchings appeared in the house.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Oneale and Mr. Johnson be added to the committee on the petition of Robert Long.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to repeal an act, entitled, An act to prevent and suppress insurrections, endorsed; "By the senate, November 19, 1792: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

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