

some grounds to believe, the intendant agreed to put captain Waters in peaceable possession of his purchase, the senate will consent that in this particular case the attorney-general shall be directed and enjoined to prosecute, at the expence of the state, the right of the state to the land in dispute, if, upon examining into the matter, he should think the state's title maintainable.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

Which was read.

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

T H U R S D A Y, November 29, 1792.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. and Mr. Sappington. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The resolution in favour of Dennis Griffith, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Worcester county, praying a donation of money for the purpose of extending the navigation of Pocomoke river, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Oneale, Mr. Jones, Mr. Duvall, Mr. Dashiell and Mr. Ewing, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to enable George William West, of Baltimore county, to sell and dispose of the real estate of the late reverend William West, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The supplement to the bill respecting the equity jurisdiction of the county courts, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Duvall, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to arrange, regulate and discipline, the militia of this state, according to an act of the congress of the United States, entitled, An act more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That the same have a second reading on Friday next.

Mr. Sprigg, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to enlarge the powers of the high court of chancery; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Alexias Smith, of Charles county, praying payment of the costs incurred in the prosecution of a suit in chancery against the state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Sprigg and Mr. Campbell, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Plater has leave of absence.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, praying a law to pass, to enable them to drain Morumisco branch, beg leave to report, that they have considered the same, and think the prayer thereof unreasonable, and ought not to be granted.

By order,

J. WILMER, clk.

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

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to direct the mode of prosecution in certain cases, endorsed; "By the senate, November 20, 1792: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

" By the senate, November 29, 1792: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendment.

" By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

Amendment proposed. Last line, after the word "indictment," strike out the word "only," and insert "or action of debt, and not by bill, plaint or information."

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of the chancellor and the judges, beg leave to report, that they have considered the same, and are of opinion that funds ought to be provided for payment of their salaries, as now established, during the continuance of their commissions, which they hold during good behaviour, and that the subject ought not any longer to be delayed, it being provided by the 30th section of the declaration of rights, that salaries, liberal, but not profuse, ought to be secured to the chancellor and the judges during their commissions. The committee are of opinion, that the administration of justice ought, in part, to support itself, and therefore that a moderate tax ought to be imposed on law proceedings; that those and similar taxes are preferable to a tax on property, and that leave ought to be given to bring in a bill to provide funds for the payment of the salaries of the chancellor and the judges. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Humphrey Belt, and others, securities of John Beall, late sheriff of Prince-George's county, praying that the powers vested in the commissioners of the tax by the act of last session for their relief, may be extended to the existing commissioners, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Contee, Mr. Brooke and Mr. Sprigg, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of Robert Amos, collector of the public tax for Harford county for the years 1783 and 1785, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and it appears to them that the facts therein stated are true; they are therefore of opi-