

A petition from Christian Koons, of Frederick county, stating, that he had four horses impressed during the late war, for the purpose of removing the magazine from the Susquehanna into the interior parts of the country, out of the way of the enemy, who were then landing at the Head of Elk, and that, during this service, three of them died, and praying compensation, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Nelson, Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. and Mr. Harwood, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Samuel Handy, guardian of Robert Jenkins, Henry Handy, Samuel Handy, Gertrude Handy and Nancy Handy, legatees of John Rousby Whittington, deceased, praying compensation for the injury done a certain store-house in Snow-Hill-town, the property of the said Whittington, during the late war, which was appropriated to the use of the state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Purnell and Mr. Houston, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Whittington, 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 Worcester county, have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts stated in said petition to be true, and are of opinion, that a law ought to pass making the road therein mentioned a public one, according to the prayer of the petition. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house a letter from his excellency the governor, of this day, stating, that the executive had granted to four volunteer companies of Baltimore-town, the use of the public arms of this state, which companies had been raised by direction of the magistracy, under an apprehension of the tranquillity of the town's being endangered by an emigration from the island of Saint-Domingo, and the landing of the crews of many armed vessels; that there had also been an application from the general government to the executive of this state, to lend their aid in maintaining the peace and neutrality of the United States, and to prevent all military aggressions by any of the European powers now at war, by an actual interference of the militia of this state, which could not be complied with, there being no militia law of this state; which was read, and referred to Mr. Cox, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Bowie and Mr. M'Pherson, to consider and report thereon.

A letter from Samuel Adams, Esquire, lieutenant-governor of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, of the 9th of October last, enclosing the speech of the late governor, and the proceedings of the legislature of that commonwealth respecting a mandatory precept of the supreme judicial court of the United States having been served by the marshal on his excellency John Hancock, late governor, and James Sullivan, Esquire, attorney-general; which was read, and referred to Mr. Duvall, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Sprigg, Mr. T. Wootton, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Nelson, to consider and report thereon.

And a letter from Samuel A. Otis, Esquire, enclosing the journals of the senate of the United States; which was read.

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

F R I D A Y, November 8, 1793.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Duvall. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Patrick Ewing and Mr. William Ward, delegates returned for Cæcil 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.

Mr. John Goldsborough, a delegate returned for Talbot 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. Hollingsworth, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Moles Patterson, report, that they have examined the allegations therein contained, and find the said Moles was one of the petitioners to the late general assembly for relief from his debts and imprisonment, and that, by the late insolvent law, he was intended to be relieved with other petitioners, but by a mistake in his name he has been deprived of the relief intended; therefore the committee beg leave to recommend the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That Moles Patterson, now confined in Cæcil county jail, be entitled to all the benefits of an act of assembly passed last session, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, on his making application to the honourable the chancellor as by the said act is directed and required, on or before the first day of April next, and complying with the terms of the said act.

By order,

A. GOLDBER, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to increase the allowance to jurymen of the general courts, and the several county courts of this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Digges, Mr. W. Thomas and Mr. Sprigg, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from James Porter, of Cæcil county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act concerning petitions for freedom. ORDERED, That Mr. M'Pherson, Mr. W. Thomas and Mr. Sprigg, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.