

they are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Horatio Ridout, a delegate returned for Anne-Arundel county, in the room of Mr. Nicholas Worthington, deceased, 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. Lloyd, 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 Kent and Queen-Anne's counties, report, that they have taken the subject referred to them into consideration, and they are of opinion that it will be improper for the legislature to declare their sense as to the right of the people of this state to fish or fowl in the several bays, rivers, creeks, or other waters of this state, as far as high water mark; it would be deciding the rights of individuals, which can only be done by the judicial authority of the state.

By order,

C. WAYMAN, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Tilghman, 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 Kent and Queen-Anne's counties, praying that this general assembly would relieve them, by an act, from the oppression of individuals, who, by gill seines, and other means, obstruct the waters of Chester river, and interfere with the accustomed right of fisheries upon the same, report, that they have considered the said petition, and are of opinion that it would be improper for the legislature to grant the relief prayed for, apprehending that it embraces objects properly determinable by the judicial authority of the state. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to withdraw the bill for the benefit of Rebecca Dulany, of Baltimore county.

The bill to extend to certain foreigners the benefit of an act passed November session, 1792, entitled, An act for the relief of certain foreigners who have settled within this state, further supplementary to the act for naturalization, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to aid the proceedings of Allegany county court, and for the adjournment of the said court, endorsed; "By the senate, November 19, 1793: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. PERRY, jun. clk.

"By the senate, November 22, 1793: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

W. PERRY, jun. clk."

Amendments proposed. From the beginning of the preamble strike out to the end of the bill, and insert, "Whereas the chief justice, and one of the associate justices, of Allegany county court, did not attend the said court on the third Monday in October last, agreeably to the act appointing the times for holding the same: And whereas the associate justice, who attended the said court, did take special bail in several actions then and there depending, and did also take recognizances from several masters of slaves who had petitioned said court for freedom: And whereas the said court now stands adjourned to the last Monday in February next, Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the proceedings of the said court shall be and the same are hereby confirmed and declared to be equally good and valid, to all intents and purposes, as if the chief justice, or two associate justices, of the said court, had then and there been present, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

"And be it enacted, That the said court of Allegany county, which now stands adjourned to the last Monday in February next, shall be and the same is hereby further adjourned to the fourth Monday in April next, and all causes, pleas, process and proceedings, civil and criminal, therein depending, be continued over to the said fourth Monday in April next, then and there to be in the same plight and condition, in every respect, as they would be in on the said last Monday in February next, under and in virtue of this act, if this further adjournment had not been made."

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

And the bill further extending the exclusive privilege granted to Gabriel Peterfon Vanhorne and Robert Hodgson, by certain acts of this state, to keep and run stage carriages, endorsed; "By the senate, November 19, 1793: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. PERRY, jun. clk.

"By the senate, November 21, 1793: Read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

W. PERRY, jun. clk."

Amendments proposed. Strike out in the seventh line of the second page the word "February" and insert "August." In the eighth line strike out the word "six" and insert "four." In the twelfth line strike out the word "February" and insert "August." In the thirteenth line strike out the word "six" and insert "four." In the fifteenth line strike out the word "February" and insert "August." In the sixteenth line strike out the word "six" and insert "four." In the seventeenth line strike out the word "February" and insert "August." And in the last line strike out the word "six" and insert "four."

Which were read.

Mr.