

are of opinion that it will be proper to pass an act divorcing the said Schoolfield from his said wife, and declaring their marriage null and void. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

C. WAYMAN, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying the time of holding the levy court in said county may be altered, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Kerliuer, Mr. Hughes and Mr. Dorsey, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Elizabeth-town, in Washington county, praying their property may be exonerated from paying taxes for the repair of public roads in said county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Hughes, Mr. W. Clarke and Mr. Sprigg, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Adkins, Hannah Adkins, David Adkins and Ayres Parker, of Worcester county, report, that they have examined the allegations contained in the said petition, and are of opinion that the same ought not to be granted. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

C. WAYMAN, clk.

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

A petition from William Robinson and Samuel Garretson, of Harford county, stating, that they became security for a certain Thomas Alexander Thompson, for property purchased of the state, that the said Thompson has left the state, that judgment has been obtained against them in the general court, and the lands taken in execution, and praying to be released from their securityship, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. J. Worthington, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Jarrett, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Brent, of the commonwealth of Virginia, report to the house, that they have examined the facts therein stated, and find them respectively true, and that by the existing laws of this state the petitioner cannot bring the said negroes into this state, and retain them as slaves, without his previous residence for a year.

They further report, that the prayer of the said petition is reasonable and ought to be granted, and therefore, in their opinion, leave should be given to bring in a bill for the purpose of carrying the prayer of said petition into effect.

All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to alter and amend the second article of the constitution or form of government for this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Wootton, Mr. Nutter and Mr. Sprigg, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Ridout, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to repeal part of an act, entitled, An act for the better administration of justice in the several county courts of this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to direct all wills relating to real estates to be transmitted to, and recorded by, the registers of the orphans courts of Talbot and Anne-Arundel counties, and for recording all certificates of marriages. ORDERED, That Mr. Key, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Whittington, Mr. Bowie and Mr. J. Worthington, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill relative to the public roads of this state, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. M'Kim, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Goleborough, Mr. Hall, Mr. Key, Mr. Dorsey and Mr. W. Clarke, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to revive and aid the proceedings of the orphans court of Calvert county. ORDERED, That Mr. Mackall, Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Brome, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Gordon, 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 the town of Cambridge, in Dorchester county, and its vicinity, having taken the same into their consideration, report, that they are of opinion the prayer of the same ought to be granted, and that a law ought to pass to repeal the section of the act therein mentioned. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Elizabeth Bishop, and others, praying compensation to the amount of a certificate granted them for a horse purchased during the late war for the use of the state, which certificate has been lost or mislaid, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Robins, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Hughes and Mr. Sprigg, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to encourage the destroying of crows in Saint-Mary's county. ORDERED, That Mr. Hopewell, Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Abell, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to provide a compensation for the militia of this state that have already been, or may hereafter be, called into actual service. ORDERED, That Mr. Jamison, Mr. Gale, Mr. H. Johnson, Mr. Kerr and Mr. M'Kim, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

MONDAY,