

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, praying that a law may pass to open a drain in the said county, beginning on the land of William Waters, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Gale, Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Driver, Mr. Nutter and Mr. Kerr, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for removing sundry original papers, still remaining in the late prerogative-office, to the several counties on the eastern shore to which they respectively belong. ORDERED, That Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Quynn and Mr. Kerr, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

T H U R S D A Y, November 13, 1794.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Waggaman. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Ridgely has leave of absence until Monday next.

A petition from Richard Duckett Hall, and others, of Prince-George's county, devisees of William Hall, of Prince-George's county, deceased, praying an act may pass to enable them to sell certain lands, the property of the said devisees, some of whom are minors, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Bowie and Mr. Digges, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Martin be added to the committee appointed to bring in a bill to alter the time of holding the levy courts in Washington county.

On motion, ORDERED, That the printer of the state transmit, at the end of each session, to each person entitled to a copy of the laws, a copy of the votes and proceedings of the legislature.

Mr. M'Comas has leave of absence until Wednesday next.

A petition from the president and directors of the Patowmack company, praying an act may pass, extending the powers of the said Patowmack company, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. J. Johnson, Mr. Lynn, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jamison and Mr. Keisner, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of Micajah Merryman, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

The report on the petition of William Robinson and Samuel Garretson, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Alexander Smith, of the commonwealth of Virginia, report, that they have examined the facts contained therein, and find them true; they further find, by the existing laws of this state the petitioner cannot bring the said slaves into this state, and retain them as such, without the petitioner's previous residence for a year. They conceive therefore, the prayer of the said petition is reasonable and ought to be complied with. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read.

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

Mr. Goldsborough delivers to Mr. Speaker the following resolutions:

Whereas the testamentary laws of this state are at present extremely confused, contradictory and defective, and so prolix that the legislature cannot, at this session, conveniently undertake to revise and amend the whole system: And whereas it is probable that the following gentlemen, from their long experience and practice of the law, may be able, during the recess of the present legislature, to frame a very complete code of testamentary laws; RESOLVED therefore, That _____ be requested to frame, prepare, and publish for the consideration of the people, and the legislature at their next session, such a code of testamentary laws as they in their judgment shall deem most wise, just and expedient; and that the printer of this state be directed to print the said code in _____ pamphlets, to be distributed among the delegates and magistrates through the different counties of this state.

RESOLVED, That the said gentlemen, and printer, shall be entitled to receive, out of the public treasury, such a compensation for their services respectively, when completed, as the governor and council shall think they reasonably deserve to have for the same.

Which were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

Mr. Ridgely, of William, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower Micajah Merryman, father and guardian of Sarah Merryman, Moses Merryman, Eleanor Merryman, Mary Merryman and Micajah Merryman, infants, to demise the real estate therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

F R I D A Y, November 14, 1794.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. M'Comas, Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Carroll. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. James Bond, a delegate returned for Harford county, and Mr. Joshua Clarke, a delegate returned for Caroline county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government,