

ment, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took their seats in the house.

The report on the petition of Alexander Smith, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Resolved in the affirmative, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a supplement to an act to prohibit the bringing slaves into this state? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Ridgely, of William, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Messieurs	Dorsey,	M <sup>r</sup> Pherson,	H. Johnson,	Brown,	Jarrett,	Schnebely,	
	Ford,	Thomas,	Gale,	Dennis,	J. Bond,	W. Clarke,	
	Hopewell,	Digges,	Nutter,	Robins,	Montgomery,	J. Johnson,	
	Horrell,	Parnham,	R. Bond,	Baer,	Driver,	Lynn.	29.
	Brome,	Kerr,	Miller,	Beatty,	J. Clarke,		
		N E G A T I V E.					
Messieurs	J. Worthington,	Merryman,	Craig,	Kent,	Jamison,	Winchester,	
	Mackall,	Goldsbrough,	Wootton,	Whittington,	Shriver,	Hughes,	
	Freeland,	Frazier,	Sprigg,	Wilson,	Mitchell,	Cresap.	20.
	Ridgely, of Wm.	Gordon,					

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Dorsey, Mr. J. Johnson and Mr. Digges, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from the trustees of Cokesbury college, praying they may be incorporated, and enabled to have, hold and enjoy, any property granted or devised to them in their corporate capacity, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Winchester, Mr. M<sup>r</sup>Kim, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Kent and Mr. Ridgely, of William, to consider and report thereon.

The order of the day, respecting the suability of a state or the United States by an individual of any state or foreign power, is postponed until Friday next.

A petition from the Equitable Society, of Baltimore, praying they may be incorporated, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Winchester, Mr. M<sup>r</sup>Kim, Mr. Gale, Mr. Parnham and Mr. Ridgely, of William, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to compel the attendance of the members of the general assembly of this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Parnham, Mr. M<sup>r</sup>Kim, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Ridgely, of William, and Mr. Wilson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick and Baltimore counties, praying a fair may be established at the town of Westminster, for the purpose of disposing of horses and black cattle, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Shriver, Mr. Beatty and Mr. Ridgely, of William, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of insolvent debtors. ORDERED, That Mr. Robins, Mr. Dennis, Mr. W. Clarke, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Wootton, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in an additional supplement to an act for the better administration of justice in the several counties of this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Dorsey, Mr. J. Johnson, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Digges and Mr. Ridgely, of William, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Hughes, 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 Elizabeth-town, in Washington county, have taken the same into consideration, and report, that no notice appears to have ever been given of their intention to prefer said petition, and in a business which so materially affects the interests of said county, the committee are of opinion, that without such notice the prayer of the said petition ought not to be granted. All which is submitted.

By order,

C. WAYMAN, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred.

A petition from Hugh Hill, counter to the petition of Thorndike and Farrar, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of insolvent debtors.

Mr. Key brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of John Brent, of the commonwealth of Virginia; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Cresap has leave of absence.

Mr. Goldsbrough, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act 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; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The reports on the communications from the executive of the fifth and sixth instant, were read, and the resolutions therein contained were unanimously assented to.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Hanson, of John, William Morris and Sarah H. Morris, report, that they find a small parcel of land, of inconsiderable value, descended, upon the death of Walter Hanson, of Charles county, unto his four children, John, Elizabeth, Anne and Sarah, all of whom are now minors. The committee are of opinion the profits of the land will be very inadequate to the support and maintenance of said children, who must principally rely upon