

The bill for the benefit of John Brent, of the commonwealth of Virginia, was committed for amendment.

Mr. M'Kim has leave of absence.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition for incorporating the trustees of Cokesbury college, having taken the same under consideration, are of opinion the prayer of said petition is reasonable, and ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Kent has leave of absence.

The bill 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, was read the second time, and passed.

The petition of Christian Koon, senior, referred from the last to the present session, was read, and referred to Mr. Jamison, Mr. Frazier and Mr. Craig, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to alter the time of holding the levy court in the several counties therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Martin, Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Kerr and Mr. Gordon, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to an act, entitled, An act to prevent the inconveniences arising from slaves being permitted to act as free. ORDERED, That Mr. Whittington, Mr. Martin and Mr. Gordon, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Gordon, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act directing all certificates of surveys made on the eastern shore to be returned and recorded in the land-office of the said shore, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Petitions from Gavin Hamilton Smith, of Calvert county, George Little and William Osborn, of Benjamin, of Harford county, and Henry Carlisle, of Montgomery county, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Martin, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act, entitled, An act to restrain the ill practices used by sheriffs in taking goods by fieri facias and selling them by venditioni exponas; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That the same have a second reading on Tuesday the twenty-fifth instant.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to confirm the proceedings of Caroline county levy court, and to extend the time for the late collector of said county to complete the collections and receive the arrearages due therein. ORDERED, That Mr. Driver, Mr. Goldsborough and Mr. Mitchell, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Key brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of John Brent, Alexander Smith and Sarah Hanson, of the commonwealth of Virginia, as amended; which was read the first and second time by especial order, and passed.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Christian Koon, senior, of Frederick county, report, that they have considered the same, and find, by an act passed at February session, 1777, chapter 4, power was vested in the justices of the peace to press waggons and horses in the public service on occasions of emergency; that by virtue of this act, three horses, the property of the petitioner, were taken in September, 1777, and appraised to the sum of £.92 10 0 specie, and died in the service of the state; all which facts are proved to the committee by certificates and depositions to the said petition annexed. The committee also find, that the said petitioner has never received any compensation for the said horses, but the same still remains justly due to him. They further are of opinion he ought to be paid, and submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue a certificate to Christian Koon, senior, of Frederick county, for the sum of £.92 10 0 current money.

By order,

C. WAYMAN, clk.

Which was read.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, November 17, 1794.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Kent and Mr. M'Kim. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Walter Brookes, a delegate returned for Montgomery 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.

A petition from William Fitzhugh, praying compensation for losses sustained by the ravages of the enemy during the late war, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, of William, Mr. Quynn, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Baer, Mr. Sprigg and Mr. W. Clarke, to consider and report thereon.

A memorial from the judges of the court of appeals, praying an increase of salary, and that they may be furnished with the votes and proceedings of the general assembly, was preferred, read, and