

being members of the legislature, electors of the senate, or to hold offices of profit and trust, other than those who shall take an oath; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Cornelius West, of Talbot county, praying relief for losses sustained by a contract with the commissioners for the building a court-house in said county, was preferred and read.

A petition from Samuel Darley, of Montgomery county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

A remonstrance from John Pindell, of Baltimore county, counter to the petition of Thomas Owings, was preferred and read.

ORDERED, That the same be taken into consideration with the order of the day respecting the said petition of Thomas Owings.

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

THE committee to whom were referred the petitions of sundry persons, praying acts of insolvency in their favour, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find, that William Prentiss, William Wood, Philip Heide and Andrew Suplee, of Baltimore county, Jacob Bradley and Henry Hill, of Prince-George's county, Peregrine F. Bayard and Thomas Pearce, of Cæcil county, Thomas Bond, of St. Mary's county, George Little, Henry Wilson, junior, and Gittings Gover, of Harford county, Thomas Wooters, of Queen-Anne's county, Thomas Nicholls, of John, and Edward Pen, of Montgomery county, John Addison and William Brawner, junior, of Charles county, William Foxcroft and Benjamin Harrison, of Anne-Arundel county, have given due notice of their intentions to apply to the legislature for acts of insolvency, and as there have been no counter petitions, or reasons offered before the committee, to induce them to believe that the said persons are not entitled to the relief prayed for, the committee are therefore of opinion that the prayers of the said petitioners ought to be granted.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read.

On motion, the question was put, That the consideration of the petition of Cornelius West be referred to the next session of assembly? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Messrs.	J. Worthington,	Nutter,	Jamison,	Winchester,	Kersner,	Oneale,	
	Ridgely, of Wm.	Waggaman,	Douglafs,	Schnebely,	Hughes,	Cresap.	14.
	Carroll,	Dennis,					
		N E G A T I V E.					
Messieurs	Ford,	Brome,	Goldsborough,	Carnan,	Whittington,	Montgomery,	
	Hopewell,	M'Pherson,	Frazier,	Sprigg,	Robins,	Driver,	
	Hebb,	Digges,	Martin,	Quynn,	Wilson,	Davis,	
	Ridout,	T. Worthington,	Craig,	Key,	Baer,	Lockett,	
	Hall,	Kerr,	R. Bond,	Kent,	Beatty,	J. Johnson,	
	Mackall,	H. Johnson,	Miller,	Earle,	Shriver,	Lynn,	
Horrell,	Harwood,	Hollingsworth,	Brown,	Jarrett,	Beall.	42.	

So it was determined in the negative.

ORDERED, That Mr. Winchester, Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Key, Mr. Ridout, Mr. Kerr, Mr. H. Johnson and Mr. Frazier, be a committee to consider and report on said petition.

A petition from Lambert Hopkins, of Talbot county, counter to the petition of Samuel Foudray, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of insolvent debtors.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Philip Reed, of Kent county, report, that they have considered the facts stated in the same, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petition is reasonable and ought to be granted. All which your committee submit to the honourable house.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Richard Burges, of Allegany county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from John Cox, of Queen-Anne's county, stating, that his father purchased a tract of land of Walter Dulany, deceased, that in the deed there was a clause of warranty, that the said land has been taken from him by an elder survey, and praying reimbursement from the property of the said Walter Dulany, which was confiscated, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Winchester, Mr. Earle, Mr. Digges, Mr. Oneale and Mr. Key, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to declare and explain the law in certain cases therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Douglafs, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill relating to the clerks, sheriffs and registers of wills, in the several counties therein named, as amended; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Baer and Mr. Kerr, be a committee to inquire into and report the number and condition of the arms belonging to this state, their several places of deposite, and the salaries allowed to the several armourers to whose care they are intrusted.

Mr. Kent,