

A letter of resignation from Richard Cromwell, of Washington county, was read, and accepted.

On motion, the question was put, That the speaker issue his warrant of election to the sheriff of Washington county, for the election of a new member to supply the place of Richard Cromwell, vacant by his resignation, returnable on or before the first day of December next? The house being equally divided it was declared in the affirmative by the speaker, and the warrant accordingly issued.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year. ORDERED, That Mr. Digges, Mr. Winchester and Mr. Wootton, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Digges, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Samuel Maffit, late sheriff and collector of Cæcil county, praying he may be authorised to collect the sums of money due him as sheriff and collector, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Barroll, Mr. R. Bond and Mr. Hollingsworth, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Samuel Maffit, late sheriff of Cæcil county, praying he may be relieved from the penalty of fifteen per cent. incurred by not paying into the treasury, in due time, monies received in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-four for ordinary and retailers licences, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Gilpin, Mr. J. Johnson and Mr. Key, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Benjamin Preston, late sheriff and collector of Harford county, praying he may be authorised to collect the sums of money due him as sheriff and collector, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on the petition of Samuel Maffit.

ORDERED, That Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Hall be added to the said committee.

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

A petition from Thomas Lansdale, of Prince-George's county, praying an act may pass appointing persons to value the lots of ground, lying in Queen-Anne, whereon the warehouses are erected for the use of the said county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. T. Bowie, Mr. Wootton and Mr. Calvert, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to regulate the inspection of tobacco. ORDERED, That Mr. W. Bowie, Mr. Wootton, Mr. J. Thomas, Mr. Ridout and Mr. Parnham, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Benjamin Aldworth, of Baltimore-town, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

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

S A T U R D A Y, November 7, 1795.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

A petition from Thomas Ringgold and Michael Corfe, securities of Thomas Jones, late sheriff of Kent county, praying an act may pass authorising them to collect the balances due to the said sheriff, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Barroll, Mr. Spencer and Mr. Winchester, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Sarah Turnbull, of Baltimore county, praying that the road leading from Baltimore-town to York-town in Pennsylvania may be changed, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Merryman, Mr. Winchester and Mr. J. Worthington, to consider and report thereon.

A memorial from William Fitzhugh, of Washington county, praying compensation for losses sustained by the depredations of the enemy during the late war, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Winchester, Mr. Oneale, Mr. W. Bowie, Mr. Ringgold and Mr. M'Pherson, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Thomas O'Bryon, late sheriff and collector of Queen-Anne's county, praying he may be empowered to collect the balances due him as sheriff and collector, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on the petition of Benjamin Preston.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Prince-George's county, praying a repeal of the act of 1783, entitled, An act to prohibit the bringing slaves into this state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Wootton, Mr. W. Bowie, Mr. J. Johnson and Mr. T. Bowie, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petitions of Samuel Maffit, late sheriff and collector of Cæcil county, Benjamin Preston, late sheriff and collector of Harford county, and Thomas O'Bryon, late sheriff and collector of Queen-Anne's county, praying that further time may be allowed them to collect the balances due them as sheriffs and collectors as aforesaid, beg leave to report, that they have examined into the merits of the said applications, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read.

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

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