

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1795. 7

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Lansdale, of Prince-George's county, having taken the same into their consideration, are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted, and that a law ought to pass to carry the same into effect. All which is submitted to the house.

Which was read.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to prevent the removal of persons who may have petitioned, or may petition, for freedom. ORDERED, That Mr. J. Johnson, Mr. Winchester and Mr. Wootton, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

On motion, Leave given to bring in a further supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the better administration of justice in the several counties of this state. ORDERED, That Mr. J. Johnson, Mr. Ridout and Mr. Oneale, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill to confirm an act passed at the last session of assembly, entitled, An act to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government which prevent persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath from being members of the legislature, electors of the senate, or to hold offices of profit and trust? Resolved in the affirmative. ORDERED, That Mr. Parnham, Mr. J. Worthington and Mr. J. Johnson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill to confirm an act passed at the last session of assembly, entitled, An act concerning the jurisdiction of the general court? Resolved in the affirmative. ORDERED, That Mr. Parnham, Mr. Key and Mr. Wootton, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to confirm an act, entitled, An act to repeal the fortieth section of the constitution, passed at the last session of assembly. ORDERED, That Mr. Parnham, Mr. Hopewell and Mr. Wootton, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to confirm an act passed at the last session of assembly, entitled, An act for altering the twenty-third article of the constitution and form of government of this state, and such parts of the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth articles of the same as respect the time of choosing of the governor and the council to the governor. ORDERED, That Mr. J. Johnson, Mr. Craig and Mr. Spencer, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, November 9, 1795.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Mackall appeared in the house. Mr. Charles Ridgely, of William, a delegate returned for Baltimore county, Mr. William Pinkney, a delegate returned for Anne-Arundel county, Mr. John Lambert Wilmer, a delegate returned for Kent county, and Mr. James Steele, and Mr. William Murray Robertson, two delegates returned for Dorchester 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 their seats in the house.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house a letter from Benjamin Harwood, trustee, of this day, enclosing an account current of funded stock to the first instant, and an account current of interest due on said stock to the first of October last; which were read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Oneale and Mr. Ridgely, of William, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Henry Hunt, late sheriff and collector of Calvert county, praying he may be authorized to collect the balances due him by distress, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Mackall and Mr. Brome, to consider and report thereon.

The house proceeded to ballot for a committee, agreeably to the act to compel the attendance of the members of the general assembly, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time reported, that Mr. Winchester, Mr. Parnham and Mr. Key, were elected.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 9, 1795.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have appointed Messieurs Winchester, Parnham and Key, a committee on our part to join such members as may be appointed by you to form a joint committee of both houses, in pursuance of an act passed at the last session, entitled, An act to compel the attendance of the members of the general assembly.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

A petition from Aquila Norris, of Harford county, stating, that he purchased, under a judgment, the life estate to certain tracts of land of Mrs. Long, wife of John Long, deceased, of the sheriff of Harford county, who died before he could obtain a deed for the same, and praying relief, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. M'Comas, to consider and report thereon.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by the clerk.