

tington and Mr. John Dennis, two delegates returned for Worcester county, Mr. James Bond, a delegate returned for Harford county, and Mr. Lambert Hyland, a delegate returned for Somerset 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. Ridout, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee of elections and privileges further report, that by evidence produced to your committee it appears, that the return of the sheriff of Frederick county was delivered to one of the deputies of said sheriff on the tenth day of October last, to be by him transmitted to the chancellor, but that said return, by some accident, never came to hand, but by a duplicate of said return, received this day, it appears that George Baer, junior, Valentine Brother, William Beatty and David Shriver, Esquires, are duly elected and returned delegates for Frederick county. All which is submitted.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with, and thereupon the members took their seats in the house.

A petition from William Rotten, of Dorchester county, praying that a sum of money may be levied annually in Dorchester county for the maintenance of himself and his two sons, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Robertson, Mr. Craig and Mr. Steele, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, the question was put, That this house, from the evidence laid before them in behalf of the sheriff of Frederick county, relative to the return of the election of delegates for said county, dispense with the personal attendance of said sheriff, and discharge their order heretofore made for that purpose? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill for the destruction of crows in Anne-Arundel county, be committed for amendment.

On the second reading the report on the petitions of Samuel Maffit, and others, the question was put, That the house concur with that part of the report that respects Samuel Maffit? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, the question was put, That the house concur with that part of the report that respects Benjamin Preston? Determined in the negative.

On motion, the question was put, That the house concur with that part of the report that respects Thomas O'Bryon? Resolved in the affirmative.

Leave given to bring in a bill. ORDERED, That Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. M'Comas and Mr. Montgomery, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A memorial from the creditors of Thomas Hare, counter to his petition for an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on the petitions of insolvent debtors to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Edward Johnson, executor of William M'Laughlin, late of Baltimore county, deceased, stating, that he stands charged on the treasury books with a considerable sum of money for arrearages of taxes and public dues, and praying the executive may be authorized to settle and adjust the accounts of his testator with the state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Winchester, Mr. Ridgely, of William, and Mr. Mackall, to consider and report thereon.

The clerk of the senate delivers a letter from the chancellor of Maryland of the 9th instant, stating, that from indisposition he has been prevented from complying with the resolutions of the last session of assembly, in assisting in the revision of the testamentary laws and English statutes, endorsed; "By the senate, November 10, 1795: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

H. WARFIELD, clk."

Which was read.

A petition from the episcopal congregation of Baltimore-town, and a petition from the German reformed congregation, praying that the said German reformed congregation may be incorporated and invested with such powers as may be necessary to regulate their temporal concerns, were preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Winchester, Mr. M'Mechen and Mr. Shriver, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from William Compton, of Charles county, praying he may have credit on his bond of instalment for the interest due between the 19th day of September, 1781, and the 1st day of October, 1784, he having received no advantage from the said property, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Parnham, Mr. Key and Mr. M'Pherson, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Ridout, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the destruction of crows in Anne-Arundel county, as amended; which was read the first and second time by special order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from Daniel Ross, of Calvert county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from sundry persons, in behalf of the Roman catholics of the town of Baltimore, praying they may be incorporated and invested with such powers as may be necessary to regulate their temporal concerns, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Neale and Mr. Digges, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Montgomery county, praying a repeal of the act of 1791, for opening a new road from Benjamin Edwards's to captain John's bridge, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Davis, Mr. Burgess and Mr. Oneale, to consider and report thereon.