

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1795. 17

A petition from sundry proprietors of lands on which the city of Washington is located, praying the chancellor may be authorized to appoint persons to ascertain the location of the said city, and that a plot thereof, recorded in the clerk's office of the Territory of Columbia, may be conclusive evidence of the true location, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Winchester, Mr. Hopewell, Mr. Reintzel and Mr. Ridgely, of William, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. T. Bowie be added to the committee on the memorial of William Fitzhugh.

Mr. Parnham, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act passed at November session, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, 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; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That the said bill have a second reading on Friday next.

A report and petition from the commissioners appointed by act of assembly of 1792, for the purpose of erecting a gaol, and building a causeway and wharf, stating, that the sum of money levied on the inhabitants of Caroline county is insufficient for the purposes aforesaid; that they had loaned a sum of money on interest to accomplish the same; and stating, that it would be of great advantage that the public ground in the town of Denton be laid off in lots, streets and alleys, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. T. Worthington, Mr. Downes, Mr. Nutter, Mr. Key and Mr. Ridout, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from James Osborne, of Harford county, praying an act of insolvency, and a counter petition thereto, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of David Kephart, of Frederick county, report, that the road which passes by the mill of the said Kephart is one of the most public highways of the state, and that the citizens of this state, and others, travelling there, are frequently detained from the quantity of water in Pipe creek, which renders it impracticable to cross the same without imminent danger; that the erection of a bridge over the said creek will be of general utility; your committee are therefore of opinion that a law should pass, authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money adequate to that purpose. All which is submitted.

Which was read.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Fitzhugh, of Washington county, report, that they have examined and considered the subject matter of the petition, and are of opinion that his claim to half pay is just, and ought to be allowed. All which is submitted.

Which was read.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Frederick-town, praying a law may pass authorising trustees to purchase a lot of ground for the purpose of erecting a market-house, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, and that a law pass to carry the same into effect. All which is submitted.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Baer, Mr. Wootton and Mr. Beatty, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Benjamin Dorsey, of Anne-Arundel county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Parnham, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to repeal the fortieth section of the constitution and form of government; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Parnham, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act passed November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-four, entitled, An act concerning the jurisdiction of the general court; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, the question was put, That the said bill have a second reading on Thursday next? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messrs	W. Thomas,	Parnham,	Hyland,	Wootton,	Whittington,	J. Bond,
	Neale,	M'Pherson,	Robertson,	O'Bryon,	Corbin,	Jarrett,
	Mackall,	Digges,	Hollingsworth,	Kent,	Brother,	Downes.
	J. Thomas,	Nutter,	Gilpin,	Brown,		

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