

Mr. Winchester, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act respecting the punishment of criminals; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill in favour of Samuel Turbutt Wright, of Queen-Anne's county, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the president and trustees of Charlotte-hall school, and sundry the citizens of Saint-Mary's, Charles and Prince-George's counties, report, that they have had the subject under consideration, and find, that the trustees have, in pursuance of the act of the legislature for that purpose, purchased at the Cool Springs, in Saint-Mary's county, the quantity of three hundred and sixty and an half acres of land, and have, by the aid of private munificence, with great trouble and exertion on their own parts, erected a convenient and sufficient brick building for an academy, the beneficial and useful purposes of which must be greatly retarded, if not entirely defeated, unless the public patronage is added to the efforts of individuals. The committee are of opinion, that this school, from its situation, progress and probable advantages, may extensively answer the great and valuable objects contemplated by its founders. The committee think that public assistance ought to be afforded, and recommend to the legislature a grant of all the surplus money arising from the operation of the act, entitled, An act for founding a college on the western shore of this state, and constituting the same, together with Washington college on the eastern shore, into one university, by the name of the University of Maryland, not applied to the funds of Saint-John's college, as may be the proportion of Saint-Mary's, Charles and Prince-George's counties. All which is submitted.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of James Hutchings, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill to empower the late sheriff and collector of Montgomery county to collect the balances due him, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Edward Johnson, executor of William M'Laughlin, report, that upon consideration thereof, and examination of the facts submitted to them, they find, that the account of the said William M'Laughlin with the state, as collector of the public taxes, remains unsettled, and that the said testator stands charged with a considerable sum of money for taxes on the property of French citizens exempt by law from taxation, and for the assessment on the ground-rent of unimproved lots in Baltimore-town, which were chargeable to the tenants only. That the length of time which would be necessarily consumed in the investigation of lengthy accounts, and examination of the facts attending each case, renders it almost impracticable for the committee to determine, with accuracy, what relief the petitioner is entitled to, but are of opinion that the accounts ought to be liquidated and adjusted on equitable principles by the auditor, under the control of the executive. They therefore submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the auditor, under the direction of the executive, settle and adjust the account of William M'Laughlin, late collector of the public taxes for Baltimore county, with the state, and make such deductions from the sum charged on the books of the treasury, as shall appear to arise from taxes on French property exempt from taxation, or the taxes on ground-rent of unimproved lots in Baltimore-town, and its precincts, or other assessments for which no remedy could be had by distress.

All which is submitted.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard Johns, late sheriff and collector of Talbot county, report, that they have taken the same under their consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted. All which is submitted.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Ridgely appeared in the house.

The supplement to an act, entitled, An act relating to public roads in this state, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, was read the second time, agreeably to the order of the day, and passed.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the more effectual preservation of the breed of wild deer. ORDERED, That Mr. J. Johnson, Mr. Brome and Mr. Ringgold, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

F R I D A Y, December 11, 1795.

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

The supplement to an act, entitled, An act relating to public roads in this state, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

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