

The bill to alter the mode of electing electors to choose the president and vice-president of the United States, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill to empower the visitors of Eden school, in Somerset county, to sell and dispose of the property of the said school, and to apply the money to the purposes therein mentioned, be referred until the second day of March next.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate, with the bill to authorize and empower the levy court of Montgomery county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned, by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 22, 1795.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have returned to you for reconsideration the bill, entitled, An act to authorize and empower the levy court of Montgomery county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned, in hopes you may be induced to pass it; the advanced period of life, the misfortunes and infirmities of the two objects of that act, are such as lead us to believe that relief may with propriety be extended to them in the mode proposed.

By order,

W. HARWOOD clk.

RESOLVED, That Valentine Brother, Esquire, of Frederick-town, be and he is hereby authorized to sell and dispose of, under the direction of the governor and council, on the best possible terms, for the benefit of the state, all gunpowder and brimstone now in the magazine at Frederick, and all such arms and accoutrements in the armoury at Frederick as are unfit for use without previous repairs, and the said Valentine Brother shall be entitled to a commission of three per cent. on the amount of such sales, as a compensation for his services; provided, that before he shall proceed to make any sale as aforesaid, he shall give bond to the state, with such security as the governor and council shall approve, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the trust hereby committed to him, and for the payment into the treasury of the western shore of all monies by him received in virtue thereof, within three months next after such receipts, after deducting the amount of his said commissions, which shall be ascertained by the auditor-general.

RESOLVED, That in case it shall be deemed necessary to transport the said powder to Baltimore-town, or other place, for sale, or to furnish casks for the purpose of containing and securing the same, the governor and council shall be authorized to draw upon the treasury in favour of the said Valentine Brother, for such sum of money as will enable him to procure the said casks, and to effect the said transportation, an account of the application of which money shall be rendered by the said Valentine Brother to the auditor-general, and the surplus unexpended, if any, shall be paid by him into the treasury, and his aforesaid bond shall be liable therefor.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be authorized and requested to cause such of the public arms and accoutrements in the armouries at Annapolis and Easton as may be unfit for use without previous repairs, to be sold for the benefit of the state, and to take all such measures as may be necessary for accomplishing that object, and for bringing the amount of such sales into the treasury.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be authorized and requested to take the most speedy and effectual measures for calling in the public arms, tents and accoutrements, which were drawn out of the armoury at Frederick-town for the late western expedition.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be and they are hereby requested, at the expence of the state, to cause the magazine at Frederick to be repaired for the reception of the public arms, and thereupon to cause the public arms and accoutrements to be placed therein.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill directing returns to be made to the commissioners of the tax in the several counties of this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Key, Mr. Robins and Mr. Chesley, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, the question was put, That the house reconsider the report on the petition of the securities of Archibald Job? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the house assent to the resolution contained in the said report? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of fundry inhabitants of Caroline county, praying that a new bridge may be erected over Great Choptank river, at or near the place where the old bridge stands, have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that a law ought to pass pursuant to the petition. All which is submitted.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

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

A petition from the trustees of Charlotte-Hall school, stating, that Robert Eden, Daniel Dulany, junior, Lloyd Dulany and Jonathan Boucher, became subscribers to the said school, and praying that the said subscriptions may be paid out of any confiscated property of the said persons, was preferred, read, and referred to the next session of assembly.

The further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the better administration of justice in the several counties of this state, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Driver,