

venteen hundred and ninety-six, on which day a warrant issued from the land-office in the name of the said Christian Weaver, to affect the said land so becoming escheatable. Your committee, considering that in similar cases the state has relinquished all claim to that portion of the valuation to which it is entitled, submit it as their opinion, that a law should pass confirming the said deed from Richard Allen to the said Christian Weaver, and that the said Weaver be released from all payments whatever relating to the said escheat warrant, excepting such as have occurred as fees to the register of the land-office. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to establish a company, as a corporate body, for the purpose of cutting a canal between the bay of Chesapeake and the river Delaware. ORDERED, That Mr. Chapman, Mr. Barroll, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Whittington and Mr. Carroll, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The resolution in favour of Edward Dennis, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying a repeal of the 33d section of the act passed November session, 1782, for the paving the streets of Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, and for other purposes, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Worthington, Mr. McMechen and Mr. Merryman, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to alter and amend the judiciary system of this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Wilson, Mr. Digges, Mr. Robins, Mr. Key, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Whittington and Mr. Barroll, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill to settle and ascertain the salary of members of the council for the ensuing year, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Baker, 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 Charles county belonging to the Roman catholic congregation worshipping at the church of St. Mary, in the vicinity of Bryan-town, report, that they have examined the subject matter of said petition, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof is reasonable and just, and that a law ought to pass conformably thereto. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

Z. HUGHES, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill relating to sheriffs deeds, and to provide for the relief of the securities of sheriffs and collectors who may be deceased before the expiration of their offices. ORDERED, That Mr. Carroll, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Barroll, Mr. Key and Mr. Ridout, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, ORDERED, That the report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Worcester county, be committed for amendment.

Mr. Duckett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report, as amended.

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Worcester county, report, that they have considered the same, and are of opinion, that so far as it contemplates a condemnation of land for a public road, it is reasonable, and ought to be granted. As to that part of the petition praying for the condemnation of a lot for a public landing, your committee are of opinion that the power of the legislature ought, in all cases of this kind, to be exercised with caution, and it appears to your committee, that in the present case the interposition of the house would be improper. All which is submitted.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

On the second reading the said report, the question was put, That the house concur with the first clause in the said report? Resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said report, the question was put, That the house concur with the last clause in the said report? Resolved in the affirmative.

Leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Wilson, Mr. Robins and Mr. Duckett, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 16, 1796.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE propose to proceed immediately to the election of a council to the governor. William Kilty, John Davidson, Hugh Matthews, Jonathan Wilmer, Thomas Whittington, James Brice, James Thomas and John Johnson, are put in nomination by this house. We have appointed Mr. Horatio Ridout and Mr. Abraham Jarrett to join any gentlemen named by your house to examine the ballots.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 16, 1796.

GENTLEMEN,

WE agree to proceed immediately to the election of a council to the governor, and have appointed James Hollyday and John Thomas, Esquires, to join the members of your house in the examination