

The report on the petition of John King was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Pattison, Mr. Whittington and Mr. Goldsborough, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Duckett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report :

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Smith Brookes, of Prince-George's county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion, that as the state, in point of finance, does not require an immediate payment of the principal sum due from the petitioner, and as ample security is given for the payment of the interest, he ought to be allowed to pay off said debt by the following instalments, to wit : One third of the principal sum on the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, with all the interest then due on the whole, one other third on the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, with interest on the principal then due, and the remaining third on the first day of January following, with interest as aforesaid. Your committee, in order to carry the same into effect, submit the following resolution :

RESOLVED, That John Smith Brookes, one of the securities of Thomas Williams, late sheriff of Prince George's county, be and he is hereby allowed to make payment to the state in the following manner, to wit: One third of the principal sum now due shall be paid on the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, with all the interest then due on the said principal sum, one other third on the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, with interest on the principal then due, and the remaining third on the first day of January following, with interest as aforesaid ; but if the said John Smith Brookes shall neglect to pay any one instalment as aforesaid, then he shall be liable to be executed for said instalment, with all interest due on the same.

All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

Z. HUGHES, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to provide for the payment of costs in suits to which the state may be a party. ORDERED, That Mr. Wilson, Mr. Duckett and Mr. Brother, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

ORDERED, That the report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county be referred to the next session of assembly.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying an act may pass vesting the fee-simple of half an acre of land, formerly laid off for a public school in said town, in visitors, and authorizing them to call for and recover all sums of money or other property which may be due or belong to Frederick county school, and to apply the same to the purposes for which the same may have been intended, and giving the said visitors all the powers and capacities given to visitors of county schools by the laws of this state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Brother, Mr. Shriver, Mr. Quynn, junior, Mr. Wilson and Mr. M'Mechen, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Gabriel P. Van-Horn, of Prince-George's county, praying the state may refund him the purchase money paid to the agent for certain property bought of the late intendant, which the state cannot give him a title to, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Baker, Mr. Ridout, Mr. Jarrett, Mr. Duckett and Mr. Key, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick-town, praying an act may pass annexing the several additions of Frederick-town to said town, and place the whole under the authority and control of the commissioners of the said town, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Quynn, junior, Mr. Shriver and Mr. Brother, to consider and report thereon.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, December 5, 1796.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Chapman and Mr. Calvert. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. John Parnham, a delegate returned for Charles 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 his seat in the house.

Mr. Robins, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to confirm the title of Levin Irving and Samuel Smylie to the lands therein mentioned ; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from the creditors of Elkin Solomon, counter to his petition for an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of insolvent debtors.

A petition from John Woodard, of Baltimore 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 inhabitants of Baltimore-town, counter to the petition of Christopher Hughes, and others, was preferred and read.

Mr. Goldsborough has leave of absence for a few days.

The order of the day, relative to the petition of Christopher Hughes, and others, and the counter petitions thereto, is postponed till to-morrow.

A memorial from the commissioners of the Federal city, praying a loan of money, was preferred and read, and thereupon the house proceeded to ballot for a committee, and the following gentlemen were elected, to wit: Mr. Key, Mr. Robins, Mr. Duckett, Mr. M'Mechen and Mr. Barroll.

A memorial from George Cooke, stating, that he acted as captain of the state armed ship Defence, and that he received his wages in depreciated money, and praying compensation, was preferred,