

Whereas by the act of 1784, chapter 37, which institutes Saint-John's college, the visitors and governors of the said institution are required annually to lay before the general assembly an account of all the public money received by them, and the manner of their applying it; wherefore, ORDERED, That the said visitors and governors are hereby required to lay such account before the general assembly on or before the 18th day of December instant.

ORDERED, That a copy of this order be transmitted to the said visitors and governors as speedily as possible.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying an act may pass for making a turnpike road from Baltimore-town to Elizabeth-town, and from thence to William's-port, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Brother, Mr. Barroll, Mr. Hollingworth, Mr. Bowles, Mr. Key, Mr. W. Thomas and Mr. Winchester, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of Christian Koon was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Boone, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the removal of the seat of justice from Melville's warehouse to Pig Point, in Caroline county; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. John Thomas, 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.

The supplement to the act, entitled, An act to erect a town in Queen-Anne's county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Oneale, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a 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 support of Hannah Carter; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wilson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to ascertain the allowance of the members of the general assembly, electors of the senate, and electors of president and vice-president of the United States; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. J. C. Thomas, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act directing the levy courts of Baltimore and Anne-Arundel counties to levy on the respective counties a sum sufficient to pay Oliver and William Matthews two thirds of the sum expended by them in repairing or rebuilding a bridge over Patapsco river; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Ridout, beg leave to report the following facts: That captain Thomas Bassett, an officer in the British service, on the fourth day of November, seventeen hundred and sixty-seven, returned two certificates into the land-office of the then province of Maryland for five hundred acres of land each, the one called the Desert, the other called Grassy Cabbin; that Horatio Sharpe, then governor of Maryland, paid the caution money for the warrants in virtue of which said lands were taken up, and also compounded on the same; that afterwards the said Thomas Bassett, in the year seventeen hundred and sixty-seven, assigned all his right, title and interest, in said lands, to Horatio Sharpe, Esquire. The committee further find, that by the rules of office the governor of Maryland for the time being could not issue a grant to himself, and therefore, notwithstanding the assignment aforesaid, patents issued to Thomas Bassett for said lands, who held the same, in trust, for Horatio Sharpe, his heirs and assigns; that the state of Maryland, in remembrance of the virtuous conduct of Horatio Sharpe during his administration of the government of the province, exempted his property from the operation of the confiscation law. And they further find, that the said Horatio Sharpe, in virtue of the permission given him by the said law, afterwards conveyed all his estate in Maryland to John Ridout, in fee-simple, in virtue of which he became entitled to an equitable estate in fee in said two tracts of land, and hath always paid county taxes thereon. The committee further report, that the legal estate in fee being outstanding in Thomas Bassett, in consequence of the two patents aforesaid, information was lodged with the agent by Josias Wilson King, under an impression that the same was liable to confiscation, he being ignorant of the foregoing facts. They further report, that the informant, Josias Wilson King, hath, on his part, agreed, that the title to said two tracts of land be vested and confirmed in John Ridout, his heirs and assigns; and on consideration of all circumstances, your committee are of opinion it is reasonable, just and proper, that a law should pass to that effect, and that leave be given to bring in a bill for that purpose.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read

The bill for establishing a company for opening and extending the navigation of the river Pocomoke, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, ORDERED, That the additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act relating to public roads in this state, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, be committed for amendment.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill relating to negroes have a second reading on Saturday next.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An additional supplementary act to the act for marking of highways, and making the heads of rivers, creeks, branches and swamps, passable for