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preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Harwood, Mr. C. Frazier, Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Clarke, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Jacob Markey, of Baltimore county, praying the State's right of escheat may be released to certain land purchased of the late intendant by his mother, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Merryman, Mr. Kerr and Mr. Brown, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from John Threlkeld, of Montgomery county, praying the treasurer may be directed to return him his bond, and the money paid for interest thereon, for a certain lot of ground purchased of the agent of the state, late the property of Francis Hatfield, which property has been escheated by him, or that the interest paid may be applied to pay for the property under the escheat, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. P. Magruder and Mr. R. Magruder, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Caroline county, praying an act may pass vesting certain commissioners with power to lay off part of the public ground at Denton for the purpose of erecting a school-house thereon, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Bennett, Mr. Young and Mr. Kerr, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from the committees of the episcopal and presbyterian congregations of George-town, praying an act may pass authorizing such persons as they shall appoint to set on foot a lottery for the purpose of raising the sum of five thousand dollars, at least, to be applied to the purposes of finishing their churches, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Chapman, Mr. Swailes, Mr. Thomas, of Frederick, Mr. Duckett and Mr. P. Magruder, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the encouragement of learning in the several counties of this state, and to establish an uniform system of Education. ORDERED, That Mr. Leigh, Mr. Angier, Mr. J. C. Thomas, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Worthington, Mr. Harwood, Mr. Jones, Mr. Pattison, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Duckett, Mr. Key, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Warfield, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Bennett, Mr. C. Beall, Mr. Swailes and Mr. A. Beall, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to confirm the right of aliens to property acquired prior to their naturalization. ORDERED, That Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Worthington, Mr. Bruce and Mr. Key, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the regulation of officers and attorneys fees. ORDERED, That Mr. Greenwell, Mr. Angier, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Taney, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Merryman, Mr. Harwood, Mr. Jones, Mr. Pattison, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Duckett, Mr. Key, Mr. C. Frazier, Mr. Backliff, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Bennett, Mr. C. Beall, Mr. P. Magruder and Mr. Tomlinson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in an additional supplement to an act relating to public roads in this state, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Godman, Mr. Brogden, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Key and Mr. Warfield, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the valuation of real and personal property within this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Jones, Mr. J. C. Thomas, Mr. Worthington, Mr. R. Magruder and Mr. Thomas, of Charles, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Robert Carr and Robert Welsh, executors of Benjamin Carr, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, praying that the treasurer of the western shore may be directed to pay to them, or either of them, the sum of £. 937. with interest due thereon, which sum was paid into the treasury by the deceased for a debt due to James Russell, of London, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. L. C. Thomas, Mr. Wallace and Mr. Hall, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for amending, and reducing into system, the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans and other representatives of deceased persons. ORDERED, That Mr. Key, Mr. Godman, Mr. Harwood, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Hall and Mr. Montgomery, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to regulate constables fees. ORDERED, That Mr. Jones, Mr. S. Frazier and Mr. Brown, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from James Britton, and Alice his wife, praying the justices of the levy court of Anne-Arundel county may be authorized to levy a sum of money for their support, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Brogden, Mr. Godman and Mr. Riley, to consider and report thereon.

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

SATURDAY, November 11, 1797.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. John Buchanan, a delegate returned for Washington county, and Mr. Thomas G. Addison, a delegate returned for Prince-George's 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 their seats in the house.

A petition from John Pental Beall, of Charles county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from the constables of Worcester county, praying an increase of fees, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed to bring in a bill to regulate constables fees.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to settle and ascertain the salary of members of the council for the ensuing year. ORDERED, That Mr. Jones, Mr. T. Buchanan and Mr. Warfield, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Jones.