

said purchase, and praying that a part of the purchase money may be refunded him, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Duckett and Mr. Page, to consider and report thereon.
The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, November 16, 1797.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The letter from John Callahan, register of the land-office, was read, and referred to Mr. Duckett, Mr. J. Brown and Mr. Bond, to consider and report thereon.

The letter from Charles Pinkney, Esquire, was read, and referred to Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Key, Mr. Duckett and Mr. Page, to consider and report thereon.

The letter from the governor of Virginia was read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Goldsborough and Mr. T. Buchanan, to consider and report thereon.

The letter from A. J. Dallas was read, and referred to the committee appointed on the letter from Charles Pinkney, Esquire.

A petition from Henry Townly, of Anne-Arundel county, late a soldier in the army of the United States, stating, that he was badly wounded and taken prisoner at the battle of Camden, and praying the aid of the legislature, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Hall, Mr. Chapman and Mr. Godman, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, counter to the petition of John Friday, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it is counter.

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

THE committee to whom the petition of Samuel Berry Atcheson, of Charles county, was referred, report, that they have taken the subject under consideration, and are of opinion the prayer of the petition ought to be granted.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. T. Buchanan, Mr. Chapman and Mr. Thomas, of Charles, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the relief of Nicholas Sluby.

Mr. Carroll delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Nicholas Sluby; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from James Ferrall, of Prince-George's 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 Queen-Anne's county, praying a return of the free-school property in said county for the purpose of the education of the poor children of the said county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Brown and Mr. C. Frazier, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. James B. Robins, a delegate returned for Worcester 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.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Worcester county, praying the justices of the county court of Worcester may have power to lay off the road which leadeth across Pocomoke river from the Queponquo road, on the easternmost side, to the Acquongo road leading up from Snow-Hill, on the westernmost side of the said river, at the place usually called the New Way, near William Parker's plantation, as one of the public roads of said county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Robins, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Rackliff and Mr. Wilson, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Godman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the establishment and regulation of the levy courts in the several counties of this state, as amended; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from sundry citizens of Allegany county, praying they may be authorized by lottery to raise a sum of money for the improvement of the post-road leading through the said county from the Atlantic states to the western waters, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Clarke, Mr. Worthington and Mr. A. Beall, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from George Brown, of Washington county, praying the state's right to two half lots of ground in Elizabeth-town may be relinquished, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. J. Buchanan, Mr. Duckett and Mr. Carroll, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of Samuel R. Smith and Caleb Hall was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. C. Frazier, Mr. Carroll and Mr. J. C. Thomas, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from John Galtaher, late a soldier in the Maryland line, praying the depreciation of his pay, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Chapman, Mr. Rife and Mr. Merryman, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Warfield, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the citizens of Middle-town, and the country adjacent, in Frederick county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that a law ought to pass according to the prayer of the said petition.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Warfield, Mr. Thomas, of Frederick, and Mr. Gift, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.