

A petition from Richard Brooke and John Ragan, of Washington county, praying an exclusive right of running stages from Elizabeth-town, in said county, to the city of Baltimore, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. J. Buchanan, Mr. C. Beall and Mr. Thomas, of Frederick, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to prevent the going at large of swine in the town of Nottingham, in Prince-George's county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Carroll has leave of absence till Monday next.

The clerk of the senate delivers a letter from Colin Ferguson, principal of Washington college, with a copy of a letter respecting the present state of said college, addressed to Joseph H. Nicholson, Esquire, endorsed; "By the senate, November 16, 1797: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Which was read.

A memorial from the members of Zion's lodge, in the town of Havre-de-Grace, praying that they may be authorized to raise the sum of three thousand dollars by lottery for the purpose of erecting a lodge-room in the said town for the accommodation of the society, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Harwood, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. T. Buchanan, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Worcester county, respecting a road therein mentioned, report, that they conceive the prayer of the said petitioners is reasonable, and ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the house.

By order, S. MAYNARD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Robins, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Rackliff and Mr. Wilson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill to authorize a lottery in George-town, in the territory of Columbia, be committed for amendment.

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

THE committee to whom were referred the petition of the members of Sion Lodge, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the object contemplated in said petition merits legislative interposition, and that the prayer of the same ought to be granted.

By order, J. F. HARRIS, clk.

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

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to alter and repeal such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as relate to the council to the governor. ORDERED, That Mr. Robins, Mr. Key, Mr. Taney, Mr. Nicholson and Mr. T. Buchanan, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. T. Buchanan, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to alter and change the name of Samuel Berry Atcheson, of Charles county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to alter and change the name of Samuel Berry Atcheson, of Charles county, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. P. Magruder, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the bill to authorize a lottery in George-town, in the territory of Columbia, as amended; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A memorial from Charles Emory, register of the land-office for the eastern shore, stating, that the fees of office are inadequate to the support of himself and family, and praying a temporary salary, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Robins and Mr. Kerr, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, the question was put, That the hours of sitting for the dispatch of public business be from the hour of ten anti meridiem to the hour of three post meridiem? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

	A F F I R M A T I V E.				
Messieurs	Flowden,	Emerson,	Goldsbrough,	Nicholson,	M'Comas,
	J. C. Thomas,	Thomas, Chas.	Miller,	Wilson,	Bennett,
	Brogden,	Sherwood,	Duckett,	Rackliff,	Mitchell,
	Hall,	Kerr,	Calvert,	Robins,	Young,
	Godman,	Harwood,	Quynn,	Thomas, Fred.	Potter,
			N E G A T I V E.		
Messieurs	Angier,	Chapman,	E. Brown,	Wallace,	Gift,
	Comegys,	T. Buchanan,	Jones,	J. Brown,	Kerfner,
	Taney,	Merryman,	S. Frazier,	Warfield,	Swailles,
	Bourne,	Worthington,	Pattison,	Bruce,	P. Magruder,
	Brome,				Rice.
					29.
					25.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to alter and change the name of Samuel Berry Atcheson, of Charles county, endorsed; "By the senate, November 16, 1797: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.