

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution respecting the purchase of ten acres of land near Frederick-town, whereon the stone barracks are erected, endorsed; "By the senate, November 18, 1797: Read the first and second time by especial order and assented to.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

And a petition from the protestant episcopal church, praying the act respecting select vestries may be amended, endorsed; "By the senate, November 18, 1797: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Which was read, and referred to Mr. Robins, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Thomas, of Charles, and Mr. Clarke, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Bennett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to appoint commissioners to lay off a part of the public ground in Denton, in Caroline county, for the purpose of erecting a school-house thereon, and for other purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Matthew Lodge, of Baltimore county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

The report on the petition of sundry citizens of Allegany county was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Clarke, Mr. Worthington and Mr. A. Beall, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from John Shirsly, late a soldier in the Maryland line, praying the depreciation of his pay, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Addison, Mr. Duckett and Mr. C. Frazier, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Conrod Whiteman, late a soldier in the Maryland line, praying the depreciation of his pay, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. J. Brown, Mr. Jones and Mr. C. Frazier, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry persons holding lands on the Unicorn Branch, in Queen-Anne's county, praying an act may pass authorizing them, under certain modifications, to cut a ditch through the said branch for the purpose of draining the lands adjoining thereto, report, that having taken the said petition into consideration, they are of opinion that the granting the prayer thereof would be highly conducive to the interests of all persons in any manner concerned in the lands lying on the said branch.

By order,

R. K. WATTS, clk.

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

On motion, Leave given to bring in an additional supplementary act to the act for quieting possessions, enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers. ORDERED, That Mr. Clarke, Mr. Robins, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Duckett and Mr. Key, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill directing the manner of suing out attachments in this state, and limiting the extent of them, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Key, Mr. Rackliff, Mr. J. Buchanan, Mr. T. Buchanan and Mr. Robins, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill for opening a road in Worcester county was read the second time by especial order, and passed.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Mary Goodrick, of Saint-Mary's county, report, that they have examined the same, and the facts therein stated, and find them to be true, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable, and the relief prayed for ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

A. GOLDBER, clk.

Which was read.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 10 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, November 20, 1797.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Warfield and Mr. Emerson. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The bill for opening a road in Worcester county, the bill to authorize a lottery in Baltimore county to complete the house of public worship therein mentioned, the bill for the relief of Nicholas Sluby, of the city of Baltimore, and the message respecting swine going at large, were sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from William Gardiner, of Charles county, stating, that he paid into the treasury the sum of £.49 11 0 for improvements on land which his father purchased of William M. Wilkinson, which proved to be vacant land, and praying a return of said money, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Chapman, Mr. Wilson and Mr. J. Buchanan, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Allegany county, praying an act may pass for laying out a road from Cockran's store on the Turkey Foot road, up Will's creek, by Tomlinson's mill to the Maryland state line, to intersect a public road leading through a part of Bedford county down Will's creek to the said state line, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Tomlinson, Mr. Swailes and Mr. Jones, to consider and report thereon.

A representation from Levin Handy, and others, praying an increase of officers fees, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed to bring in a bill for the regulation of officers and attornies fees.

Mr. Robins