

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:
 THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Cuthbert Hall, late sheriff and collector of Kent county, report, that having taken the same into consideration, they are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Thomas Hutchings, of Baltimore county, praying compensation for a certain quantity of wheat taken for the use of the late army, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Carroll, Mr. Bond and Mr. Merryman, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Thomas Harwood, of Benjamin, collector of the county charges of Prince-George's county, praying an increase of commission for collecting the same, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Duckett, Mr. Addison and Mr. J. C. Thomas, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Isaac S. Isaacs, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Thomas, of Frederick, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorise a lottery in Frederick-town, in Frederick county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act authorising Philemon Charles Blake, late sheriff and collector of Queen-Anne's county, to complete his collections; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The report on the petition of the inhabitants of the upper part 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. Bruce and Mr. J. C. Thomas, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Petitions from Jacob F. Levy and Elkin Solomon, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill to restrain the removal of suits from the county to the general court? Resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That Mr. Robins, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Rackliff and Mr. Nicholson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill relative to certain erroneous patents. ORDERED, That Mr. Bruce, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Bennett and Mr. J. Brown, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Jane Blair, of Dorchester county, praying Josias Bayly and John E. Gift may be authorised to dispose of twenty-five acres of land near Cambridge, for the use of her children, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Pattison, Mr. Goldsborough and Mr. Kerr, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to the act, entitled, An act to aid conveyances of land improperly enrolled, and for other purposes. ORDERED, That Mr. Kerr, Mr. Robins, Mr. Harwood, Mr. Wallace and Mr. Goldsborough, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill relating to the militia of Allegany county, endorsed; "By the senate, November 17, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

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

"By the senate, November 21, 1797: Read the second time and will pass."

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

Ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. John Craig, a delegate returned for Dorchester 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 clerk of the senate delivers a bill, entitled, An act to prevent swine going at large, endorsed; "By the senate, November 20, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

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

"By the senate, November 21, 1797: Read the second time by especial order and will pass."

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

And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 21, 1797.

GENTLEMEN,

WE herewith send you an act to prevent swine going at large. We have excepted from its provisions those parts of this state whose interest it might be thought would be injuriously affected by its operation.

Our not originating this act in the first instance, as suggested in your message, arose from an opinion that the gentlemen of your body, coming from every part of the state, were more competent than we can be to judge to what counties, or parts of counties, the extension of this act would prove beneficial.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read.

The bill to prevent swine going at large, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The following question being propounded to the house, was read:

RESOLVED, That Mr. Key, Mr. Robins, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. T. Buchanan, Mr. Rackliff and Mr. Clarke, be and they are hereby constituted a select committee, to consider and report on such business as was referred from the last session to the consideration of this house as may be necessary to be acted on during the present session.

On the second reading the said resolution, the question was put, That the words "as may be necessary to be acted on during the present session" be struck out? Resolved in the affirmative.