

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Robert Smith and Mr. Walter Dorsey, delegates returned for the city of Baltimore, 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. On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to extend the powers of the trustees of the poor of the several counties of this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Hall, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The report on the petition of Cuthbert Hall was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Comegys, Mr. Hall and Mr. R. Magruder, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A representation from William Bond, 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 attorneys fees.

Mr. Worthington, 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 Baltimore county, praying a separation of the civil and criminal business of said county from that arising within the city of Baltimore, having taken the prayer of said petition into consideration, are of opinion that it is reasonable, and ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

S. MAYNARD, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill supplemental to the act, entitled, An act permitting the proprietors of lots binding on the water at the west end of the basin in Baltimore-town to extend and improve the same, be committed for amendment.

ORDERED, That Mr. Smith be added to the committee appointed to bring in the same.

A memorial from the vestry of Saint-Paul's parish, in Baltimore county, counter to the petition of the protestant episcopal church, was preferred and read.

Mr. Duckett, from the committee of elections and privileges, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee of elections and privileges further report, that it appears by the return of the commissioners of Baltimore-town, that Robert Smith and Walter Dorsey, Esquires, are duly elected delegates for said town.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and concurred with.

The report of the committee of elections and privileges was read the second time, and concurred with.

Mr. William Corbin, 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.

The report on the petition of Robert Carr and Robert Welsh, executors of Benjamin Carr, was read the second time, and concurred with.

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

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Robert Carr and Robert Welsh, executors of Benjamin Carr, the sum of £. 23 8 6 current money, being the amount in value of what was lodged in the treasury by said Benjamin Carr on the 17th March, 1781, under an act passed in October, 1780, on account of a debt due James Russell, of the kingdom of Great-Britain, said debt having been since discharged by said Benjamin Carr.

A memorial from the proprietors of the Susquehanna canal, stating, that they opened a subscription in March last for ten additional shares, and praying an act may pass confirming the same, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Smith, Mr. Robins, Mr. Miller, Mr. Wallace and Mr. Goldsborough, to consider and report thereon.

The clerk of the senate delivers a petition in behalf of the presbyterian church in the city of Baltimore, praying the said church may be incorporated, for the purpose of enabling them to manage their secular concerns, and a letter from John Hoskins Stone, Esquire, respecting the donation made by the state of Maryland to the sufferers, citizens of Savannah, in Georgia, severally endorsed; "By the senate, November 22, 1797: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Which were read, and the petition in behalf of the presbyterian congregation referred to Mr. Smith, Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Carroll, to consider and report thereon.

The speaker laid before the house the following letter:

The Honourable JOHN CHESLEY, President of the Senate, and the Honourable WILLIAM THOMAS, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE this moment received by an express your polite letter, in which you announce to me the late appointment of governor.

The various instances in which I have experienced, through a political life of twenty years, the confidence and attention of my fellow-citizens, excites my gratitude and receives my warmest acknowledgments.

I beg of you, honourable gentlemen, in my behalf, to communicate in the most respectful manner to the legislature, my acceptance of the appointment which their confidence and goodness have conferred upon me.