

I shall set out in a few days, and expect to be in Annapolis in the course of the next week. With all becoming duty and respect for the two houses over which you preside, I have the honour to be, gentlemen, with sentiments of respect and esteem,

Your obedient servant,
JOHN HENRY.

November 17, 1797.

Which was read.

Petitions from William Chew and Alexander Couper, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Ragan and Richard Brook, report, that they have examined and considered the subject matter thereof, and are of opinion that the same ought to be granted. All which is submitted.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Bruce, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act relative to certain erroneous patents; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Bennett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to extend the powers of the trustees of the poor in the several counties of this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to authorise a lottery to improve the post-road leading through Allegany county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The report on the petition of Richard Tilghman, and others, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Kerr, Mr. J. Brown, Mr. Key and Mr. Duckett, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Robins, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A supplementary act to the act, entitled, An act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to authorise a lottery in Middle-town, in Frederick county, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The report on the petition of Conrod Whiteman was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to settle and pay the civil list, and other expences of civil government. ORDERED, That Mr. Bruce, Mr. Worthington and Mr. Taney, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to allow further time for the returning certain certificates to the western shore land-office. ORDERED, That Mr. Robins, Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Godman, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Worthington, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act authorising Henry Stevenson, late sheriff and collector of Baltimore county, to complete his collections; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to alter and repeal all those parts of the constitution and form of government that require property as a qualification for voters at elections, and for persons holding places of profit, honour or trust, in or under government. ORDERED, That Mr. Taney, Mr. Robins, Mr. P. Magruder, Mr. Chapman and Mr. Craig, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Christopher Johnson, William Pattison, George Brown, William Robb, J. A. Buchanan, William Smith, R. Purviance, James Cathoun, David Stewart, Robert Gilmor, Samuel Smith, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted.

By order,

S. MAYNARD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Worthington, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to encourage the destruction of wolves in Baltimore county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to authorise and empower the levy court of Montgomery county to assess and levy a sum of money on the inhabitants thereof for the purpose of building a new jail in said county. ORDERED, That Mr. P. Magruder, Mr. R. Magruder, Mr. Riley, Mr. Swailes and Mr. J. Buchanan, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to authorise the erection of a new bridge over Pocomoke river at Snow-Hill, in Worcester county. ORDERED, That Mr. Robins, Mr. Rackliff and Mr. Corbin, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Allegany county was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Tomlinson, Mr. Swailes and Mr. Jones, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Henry Rowland, of Washington county, praying he may be authorised to raise by lottery a sum of money for the purpose of building a school-house, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. C. Beall, Mr. P. Magruder and Mr. Kerfner, to consider and report thereon.

A petition