

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

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Robert Waters and William Diamond, of Queen-Anne's county, report, that upon inquiry they find that the petitioners, with a certain James Bordley, since dead, were securities for Thomas O'Bryon, a former sheriff of Queen-Anne's county, for his due execution of the sheriff's office for the year 1792; that an act of assembly passed at the last session of assembly, authorising the securities for the two subsequent years to collect the balances due to the said Thomas O'Bryon in those years, but that no authority was given for the collection of balances as due in the year 1792. Your committee therefore recommend it to the legislature to pass a law authorising the petitioners to collect the balances due to the said Thomas O'Bryon, as sheriff, in the year 1792, and apply them, when collected, to the discharge of balances due from him as such in that year. Your committee further beg leave to report, that it appears from the treasurer's books, that the sum of £. 268 10 6 stands as a balance against Thomas O'Bryon, sheriff of Queen-Anne's county, for fines, forfeitures and americiaments, retailers, ordinary and pedlers licences, received by him in the year 1792; that several sums of money were afterwards paid by the said Thomas O'Bryon, and applied by the treasurer to the discharge of balances due from him for the year 1793 and 1794, which your committee conceive ought in justice to have been applied to the discharge of the balances due for the year 1792. Your committee further state, that the aforesaid Thomas O'Bryon is dead, and there is not the slightest probability that any part of this money can be recovered from his estate, but the whole, together with other sums to a very considerable amount, must be paid by his securities. Under these circumstances, therefore, your committee submit the following resolution, viz.

Whereas it appears to this general assembly, that the sum of £. 268 10 6 stands on the treasurer's books as a balance against Thomas O'Bryon, a former sheriff of Queen-Anne's county, for fines, forfeitures and americiaments, retailers, ordinary and pedlers licences, received by him in the year 1792, and that the said Thomas O'Bryon is dead, and his securities are likely to suffer very materially by reason of the insufficiency of his estate to discharge his debts; therefore, RESOLVED, That Robert Waters, William Diamond, two of the securities of the said Thomas O'Bryon for the year 1792, be and they are hereby authorised to discharge the said balance of £. 268 10 6, with six per cent. interest thereon from the 1st of November, 1792, in two equal annual payments; and that all legal process against them for the above sum shall cease immediately upon their executing a bond, with such security as the treasurer of the eastern shore shall approve, conditioned for the payment of the above sum of money, agreeably to the terms of this resolution.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Duckett, 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 Prince-George's county, praying that a law may pass authorising them to raise by lottery the sum of eight hundred dollars for the purpose of clearing the navigation of the Patuxent at the town of Upper-Marlborough, report, that they have taken the same under their serious consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

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. Duckett, Mr. J. C. Thomas and Mr. Calvert, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Catherine Havis, of Prince-George's county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and believe the facts therein stated to be true; they are therefore of opinion that a law ought to pass authorising the levy court of Prince-George's county to levy a sum of money on said county adequate to the maintenance of the children of said petitioner.

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. Duckett, Mr. Calvert and Mr. Addison, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Richard Harwood, late sheriff and collector of Anne-Arundel county, praying a further time to complete his collections, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. J. C. Thomas, Mr. Duckett and Mr. Nicholson, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the proprietors of the Susquehanna canal, report, that they have examined the same, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted.

By order,

A. GOLDBER, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Smith, Mr. Robins, Mr. Miller, Mr. Wallace and Mr. Goldborough, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Quynn, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. J. C. Thomas, Mr. Jones, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Godman, be a committee to inspect the government house of this state, and to report to the house of delegates its present situation, with an account of such repairs, if any, as it may require; and also to inspect the furniture in the government house, and report what addition it may be necessary to make to the same.

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