

A petition from Benjamin M. Ward, of Talbot county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Bruce, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to pay the civil list, and other expences of civil government; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to authorise a lottery in Somerset county for the purpose of raising a sum of money to be applied towards repairing a causeway in said county, commonly known by the name of Vienna Causeway, and towards completing a new road leading from Barren creek mills to Dean's landing on Nanticoke river. ORDERED, That Mr. Jones, Mr. Craig and Mr. J. Buchanan, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Sarah Hickley, the widow of James Hickley, late of the city of Baltimore, deceased, also of Mary Anne Hickley, Robert Hickley, Thomas Hickley and Samuel Hickley, the children of the said James Hickley, deceased, orphans under the age of twenty-one years, beg leave to report, that they have taken the prayer thereof into consideration, and are of opinion that it is reasonable, and ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

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

The amendments to the bill for the relief of Nicholas Sluby were read the second time and rejected.

On the second reading the report on the petition of the reverend Thomas John Clagett, and others, the question was put, That the house concur with the first clause in the said report? Resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading said report, the question was put, That the last clause in the said report be struck out? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill pursuant to the first clause in the said report, as concurred with? Resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That Mr. Robins, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Thomas, of Charles, and Mr. Clarke, be a committee to prepare and bring in the said bill.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Gallaher, of Allegany county, report, that they have taken the same under their consideration, and are of opinion that sufficient evidence appears, from the auditor's office, of the said John Gallaher having served as a soldier from the eighth day of July, 1777, till the first day of January, 1780, and also that he has not received any depreciation on his pay for that time; and are further of opinion, that he ought not to be precluded from that compensation due for his services from his not having brought in his claim within the time prescribed by the act of assembly, but that he should be paid as others similarly circumstanced to him have been, and therefore submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay unto John Gallaher, late a soldier in the sixth Maryland regiment, the sum of sixty-one pounds one shilling and five-pence, being the amount of the depreciation of pay due him for his services as a soldier aforesaid.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Smith, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act for making the river Susquehanna navigable from the line of this state to tide water; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the benefit of Nicholas Sluby, of Baltimore. ORDERED, That Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Smith, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Smith and Mr. Dorsey be added to the committee on the petition of the Hope Interest company.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution requesting the governor to send a copy of the laws of this state to the executive of the different states, endorsed; "By the senate, November 23, 1797: Read the first and second time by especial order and assented to.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

And a petition from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, praying an act may pass to prevent swine from going at large, endorsed; "By the senate, November 23, 1797: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to repeal the act of 1716, chapter 16, entitled, An act to restrain the ill practices of sheriffs in taking goods by fieri facias and selling them by venditioni exponas. ORDERED, That Mr. Matthews, Mr. Key and Mr. Wilson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying an act may pass for laying out a road from Richard Britton's mill to the main road by the Northampton furnace, and also another road from Edward Talbot's gate till it intersects the above described road by Micajah Merryman's lime kilns, including the old road from said Talbot's gate to said Britton's mill, was preferred, read, and referred to