

Baltimore-town to extend and improve the same, as amended; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of Charles Emory, examiner for the eastern shore of this state, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find, from a statement made upon oath of the fees arising in his office for eighteen months past to be only the sum of sixty-nine pounds four shillings and three-pence one farthing, a sum totally inadequate to his support; and your committee are of opinion that the land-office system for the eastern shore is calculated to afford great convenience and accommodation to the people of that shore, and that a reasonable salary be allowed until the fees of said office shall amount to a sum sufficient for the support of the officer, and for that purpose recommend that a law may be passed allowing a reasonable salary to the examiner of the eastern shore until the fees arising in his office shall amount to the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds, the said officer rendering an account upon oath of all the fees in virtue of his office.

By order,

S. MAYNARD, clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of Christopher Johnson, and others, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Smith, Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Carroll, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Smith, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the presbyterian church in the city of Baltimore; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from David Clarke, and others, executors of John Love, praying the treasurer may be directed to return him money overpaid for confiscated property, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Key and Mr. Jarrett, to consider and report thereon.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 10 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, November 27, 1797.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Lambert Hyland, Mr. Benjamin F. A. C. Dashiell and Mr. William Polk, three delegates returned for Somerset county, Mr. James Parker, a delegate returned for Kent county, and Mr. Thomas Oldham Martin, a delegate returned for Talbot 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 their seats in the house.

A petition from Valentine Brown, of Anne-Arundel county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A memorial from George Handy, 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.

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

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the German evangelical reformed church in the city of Baltimore, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

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

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act authorizing the justices of the levy court in Queen-Anne's county to levy a sum of money for the building a prison in the said county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, praying to be incorporated for the purpose of establishing a library, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Robins, Mr. Polk, Mr. Jones and Mr. Martin, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Levin Winder, and others, praying a return of money paid into the treasury for property supposed to be liable to confiscation, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Hyland and Mr. Goldsborough, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the Devil's island, in Somerset county, praying the county court may be authorized to establish a ferry on the said island, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Robins, Mr. Polk, Mr. Jones, Mr. Dashiell and Mr. Hyland, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from William Polk, of Somerset county, praying compensation for a negro convicted of felony, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Hyland, Mr. Goldsborough and Mr. Polk, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Leonard Belt, of Baltimore county, report, that they have examined the same, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought not to be granted.

By order,

A. GOLDBER, clk.

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

ORDERED, That the report on the petition of Rezin Davis be committed for amendment.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Nicholson be excused from acting on the committee on the petition of Rezin Davis, and that Mr. Polk be added to the said committee.

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