

crease of salary, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Smith, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Key, to consider and report thereon.

The clerk of the senate delivers a letter from John Henry, Esquire, notifying his resignation as senator in the senate of the United States, endorsed; "By the senate, November 28, 1797: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Which was read.

A petition from John Lee Gibson, and others, executors of Ignatius Wheeler, praying they may be authorized to dispose of part of the real estate of the deceased to discharge the debts due from the said deceased, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Jarrett, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. M'Comas, to consider and report thereon.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and Littleton Dennis, Esquires, from the senate, acquaint the speaker that the senate request his attendance, with the members of the house of delegates, in the senate room, to see the governor qualify.

The speaker left the chair, and, attended by the members of this house, went to the senate room, and saw his excellency qualify in the presence of both houses, by subscribing the declaration, taking the several oaths required by the constitution and form of government, the oath of office directed to be taken by act of assembly, and the oath to support the constitution of the United States.

The speaker, with the members, returned and resumed the chair.

A petition from Thomas Johnson, of Frederick county, praying an act may pass to invest a certain John Wise with all the estate, right, title and interest, which Henry Lee and Matilda his wife, and Ludwell Lee and Flora his wife, or either of them, had to a tract of land called Hill in the Middle, lying in Frederick county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Thomas, of Frederick, Mr. Key, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Smith, to consider and report thereon.

The following message being prepared, was read, assented to, and sent to the senate, with the following resolution, by the clerk:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 28, 1797.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE propose on Friday next (if agreeable to your house) to go into a joint ballot for the election of a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States, in the place of John Henry, Esquire, who has resigned.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

RESOLVED, That the first day of December next be appointed to choose one senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States, to be a resident of the eastern shore, and the person having a majority of votes of all the attending members of both houses, be declared to be duly elected to represent this state in the senate of the United States for the remainder of the term for which John Henry, Esquire, was elected, agreeably to the constitution of the United States; and that a commission issue to the said senator, appointed as aforesaid, signed by the governor for the time being, or in his absence by the presiding member of the council, in the following words, to wit: To _____. The legislature of Maryland reposing especial confidence in your integrity and abilities, hath appointed you senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States for the remainder of the term for which John Henry, Esquire, was elected, agreeably to the constitution of the United States. Given under my hand, and the seal of this state, anno domini _____.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Lee Gibson, Joseph Wheeler and Henrietta Wheeler, executors of Ignatius Wheeler, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Whittington, of Worcester county, report, that they have examined into the facts stated in the petition, and find them to be as they are stated, and are of opinion that leave should be given to bring in a bill to aid the petitioner's title to the lands in the petition mentioned.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

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

By the COMMITTEE of GRIEVANCES and COURTS of JUSTICE. THE representation of the commissioners of review for turnpike roads in Baltimore county, which was read in the house of delegates, having been referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice, the committee beg leave to make the following report:

The grievance complained of in this representation is, "That the late sheriff of Baltimore county having been intrusted with the collection of considerable sums of money as a road tax, he has neglected to pay the same to the commissioners, which has been productive of considerable inconvenience, and might have been attended with very injurious consequences, if they had not been prevented by the individual exertions of the commissioners." The representation therefore requests, that the sheriff may be summoned before the committee of grievances to answer for his conduct, as the ordinary course of justice is too long, and delay would be extremely injurious.

By the 10th article of the constitution a power is given to the house of delegates to inquire into all complaints, grievances and offences, as the grand inquest of this state, and they may commit any