

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

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying an act may pass to open and lay out a road from John Neale's lane to that part of Deer creek known by the name of Montgomery's Ford, being near the mouth of Little creek, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Bond, Mr. Worthington, Mr. M'Comas and Mr. Jarrett, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to allow further time for returning certain certificates to the western shore land-office, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Holbrook, and others, on behalf of the orphan children of the reverend Hamilton Bell, deceased, beg leave to report, that they believe the facts therein stated to be true, and that although the cases are few in which they would consent to the sale of the real estate of minors, yet, in the present case, they are of opinion that the prayer of the said petition ought to be granted. The early genius of those children, which has been seen by their relations with much pleasure, was the inducement to the petition. The property proposed to be sold is entirely uncultivated, and so situated as to induce a belief that it will be useless for many years.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

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

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Harwood, (of Benjamin,) collector of the county charges of Prince-George's county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the commission of six per cent. now allowed by law for the collection of said county charges, is not an adequate compensation for the same, and that a law ought to pass authorizing an increase of said commission.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The bill to extend the powers of the trustees of the poor in the several counties therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill for the establishment of vestries for each parish in this state have a second reading on Wednesday the 13th December next.

Mr. Smith, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to prevent the going at large of swine within five miles of the city of Baltimore; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from George and Henry Shock, of Baltimore, stating, that they conveyed their property in trust to certain persons for the use of their creditors, that the trustees have not complied with the trust, by applying the property to the discharge of their debts, and praying relief, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petitions of sundry insolvent debtors.

The report on the petition of William Whittington was read the second time and concurred with.

Mr. Smith, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act relating to distresses for rent; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The supplementary act to the act, entitled, An act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers a letter from Samuel Harvey Howard, register of the chancery court, enclosing an account of seals and taxes on proceedings in chancery for the last year, endorsed; "By the senate, November 29, 1797: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Which was read.

The bill for the destruction of crows and squirrels in Queen-Anne's county, and the following message: BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 29, 1797.

GENTLEMEN,

AGREEABLY to your message, we have reconsidered our first, second, third and fifth amendments to the bill, entitled, An act for the destruction of crows and squirrels in Queen-Anne's county, and do recede from the same.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

And the bill for the benefit of Sarah Hickley, Mary Anne Hickley, Robert Hickley, Thomas Hickley and Samuel Hickley, endorsed; "By the senate, November 28, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, November 29, 1797: Read the second time and will pass."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Worthington, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Merryman, Mr. Robins and Mr. Dorsey, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel P. Wallace, of Cecil county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true, and your committee conceive, as the contract between the state and the petitioner was founded in mistake, and