

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1797.

Mr. Robins, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act declaring the road therein mentioned a public road; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Duckett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorise a lottery in Upper-Marlborough, in Prince-George's county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Matthews, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to establish a market at Summer-Hill in West-Nottingham hundred, in Cæcil county, for the sale of live stock; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill authorising the justices of the levy court of Somerset county to levy a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Robins and Mr. Hyland, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill declaring the road therein mentioned a public road, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill to authorise a lottery in Upper-Marlborough, in Prince-George's county, was read the second time by especial order, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from James Smith, of Baltimore county, superintendent of the almshouse and the poor of Baltimore county, praying that the trustees of the poor may be authorised by law to make such allowance for the superintendence of the poor, and the cultivation and management of the almshouse land, as they shall think just and reasonable, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Smith, Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Merryman, to consider and report thereon.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the bill to alter and repeal such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as relate to the council to the governor, is postponed.

The bill authorising a lottery for the purpose therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. J. C. Thomas, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of James Disney, of Anne-Arundel county, report, that they have examined the same, and find the facts therein stated to be true, and therefore are of opinion that the prayer thereof is reasonable, and ought to be granted. All which is submitted.

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. J. C. Thomas, Mr. Hall and Mr. E. Brown, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, the question was put, That the house reconsider the motion to postpone the order of the day? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house, agreeably to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, on the bill to alter and repeal such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as relate to the council to the governor. The speaker left the chair; Mr. Chapman took the chair of the committee. The speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Chapman reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, but had come to no resolution thereupon, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion, the question was put, That the committee of the whole house have leave to sit again? Determined in the negative.

On motion, ORDERED, That the said bill be taken into consideration on to-morrow.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to establish a road leading from Ninian Cochran's store at Ganning's run on the Turkey foot road, up Will's creek by John Tomlinson's mill in Allegany county to the Pennsylvania line, endorsed; "By the senate, November 28, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By the senate, November 30, 1797: Read the second time and will pass.

Ordered to be engrossed. A. VAN-HORN, clk.

The bill authorising a lottery for the purpose therein mentioned, the bill to authorise a lottery in Upper-Marlborough, in Prince-George's county, severally endorsed; "By the senate, November 30, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By the senate, November 30, 1797: Read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

And a memorial from the president and directors of the Patowmack company, on behalf of the company, praying an act may pass directing a subscription of shares on account of the state to the amount of sixty thousand dollars, for the purpose of removing obstructions to navigation in the river Patowmack, and completing the canal, endorsed; "By the senate, November 30, 1797: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

Which was read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Chapman, Mr. P. Magruder and Mr. Kerr, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill respecting certain lots to the westward of Fort Cumberland erroneously transferred. ORDERED, That Mr. Bruce, Mr. Thomas, of Frederick, and Mr. P. Magruder, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, the question was put, That the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill to regulate officers fees, also the committee on the bill to establish an uniform system of education in the several