

several counties of this state, as also the committee appointed to prepare a bill or a testamentary system, prepare and bring in the bills respectively on or before Tuesday next? Determined in the negative.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, December 1, 1797.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Carroll, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Charles Mankin, late sheriff and collector of the taxes for Charles county, report, that on the first day of March, 1790, there was due from Charles Mankin to the state of Maryland, as a collector of the tax for Charles county, the sum of £. 4153 4 principal, and the sum of £. 2399 13 1 for interest; that William Kilty, agent for the state of Maryland, made sale of the property of the said Mankin, and his securities, to discharge, as far as it would go, the debt due the state; that afterwards William Campbell was appointed agent; that he set aside the sales made by the said William Kilty, Esquire, and, on a compromise with said Mankin, agreed to give up all interest due from said Mankin, on his payment of the principal sum, which was in part done by said Mankin, leaving the balance due £. 570; for this sum the agent took the bond of said Mankin, dated the 10th day of November, 1791, payable in deferred stock, then worth eleven shillings and three-pence in the pound; that the said Charles Mankin has solicited, by his petition, to be relieved from the balance on said bond, or that a further time might be given him to discharge the same. The committee, after taking the above facts into their consideration, are of opinion that the legislature is not bound by the principles of either justice or humanity to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Wilson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee appointed to inspect the state of the government-house, and the furniture therein, and report its situation to the house, report, that they found some of the out-houses in great want of repair, and that the government-house itself wants plastering, white-washing and painting, and is generally in extreme bad order. They found little furniture in the house, except tables, a few common Windsor chairs, and beds and bedsteads unfurnished. Your committee are of opinion, that the dignity of the state requires that a house, in decent repair, and plainly furnished, should be afforded in governor, and for that purpose submit to the house the propriety of appropriating a sum, not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars, to be laid out, in the discretion of the governor and council, for the purpose of repairing and furnishing the government-house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Dorchester county, praying that a law may pass requiring the justices of Talbot county to cause a public road to be laid out from the place where the public road, now leading from Easton, in Talbot county, towards Cambridge, in Dorchester county, terminates, to some convenient situation on Choptank river, opposite to the town of Cambridge, report, that having taken the same into consideration, they find the facts stated in the said petition to be true, and are of opinion that a law ought to pass to effectuate the object prayed for therein.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act for the better administration of justice in the several counties of this state, and to authorize the chief justice in the several districts to draw their salaries from the treasury; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Stephen Yoe, of Queen-Anne's county, stating, that he was a soldier in the late Maryland line, and that he has lost his eye-sight, and that his half pay is not sufficient to support him, and praying a small donation in addition to his half pay, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Hall, Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Mitchell, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from James Pope, of the city of Annapolis, same substance as the above petition, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on the above petition.

Mr. Conegys appeared in the house.

Petitions from Joseph Clarke and William Riley, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from Samuel T. Dyson, of Baltimore county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. T. Buchanan, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Dorsey, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the upper part of Baltimore and Anne-Arundel counties, praying an act may pass directing the road leading from the Patapsco Falls, adjoining to Anne-Arundel county line near William Hobbs's run, about one mile and a half through Baltimore county, to be a public road, and to be repaired as other public roads in Baltimore county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Godman, Mr. Merryman and Mr. E. Brown, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from David Craufurd, of Prince-George's county, praying the treasurer may be directed to pay him the amount now due on his account against a certain Alexander Frazier, of said county, deceased, whose property has been sold by the agent of the state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Duckett, Mr. Harwood and Mr. Calvert, to consider and report thereon.

A petition