

FRIDAY, December 22, 1797.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Mitchell. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The bill to establish a turnpike road from the city of Baltimore through Frederick-town, in Frederick county, to Elizabeth-town and William's-Port, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

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 Forwood, of William, of Harford county, report, that they have taken the same into their consideration, and find the following facts, viz: That a certain Samuel Webb obtained a land warrant, which was duly assigned to the petitioner; and afterwards a certificate of survey was returned to the land-office, which was caveated, and an order thereupon made by the judge of the land office, directed to the surveyor of said county, to lay down the land mentioned in such certificate, clear of an adjoining tract; that in pursuance of said order a corrected certificate of survey was made out, but was not returned within the time limited by the act of assembly in such cases made and provided; that the caution money, and the money for improvements was paid in full upon the whole quantity of acres contained in the certificate first returned, to the amount of sixty-one pounds two shillings and six-pence, as appears by the treasurer's receipt; that the time having elapsed within which the corrected certificate ought to have been returned, the petitioner sued out another warrant to affect the land contained therein, and upon the return of the certificate of survey it was found, that the treasurer had no authority to apply the composition money paid upon the first certificate to the last certificate returned, or to grant a warrant for the deficiency under the first certificate. It appearing just and reasonable to your committee that the composition money paid as aforesaid should be applied as aforesaid, and that a warrant should issue to the said petitioner for the deficiency, they therefore submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore apply the composition money, and money for improvements, paid upon a certificate of survey returned in the name of Samuel Webb, to a certificate upon a warrant issued in the name of the said John Forwood; and that the register of the land-office issue a warrant to the said John Forwood for the balance of the said composition money, and money paid for improvements as aforesaid.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. M'Comas, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petitions of sundry insolvent debtors further report, that they have examined the petition and certificate of John Fleming, of Montgomery county, and find that he has given notice of his intention to apply to the legislature, by passing a law to release him from his debts, contracts and agreements, heretofore contracted or made, upon his delivering all his property for the use of his creditors. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read.

The bill to prevent hogs from going at large in the town of Westminster, in Frederick county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill to aid the defective entries in the records of the orphans court of Calvert county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from Thomas Cockey Deye, of Baltimore county, stating, that he paid a large sum into the treasury in final settlement certificates for property purchased of the state, bearing an interest, and praying a return of the surplus interest due on said certificates, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Quynn and Mr. Worthington, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Duckett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of the commissioners of the federal buildings beg leave to report, that they have examined into the several facts therein stated, and do report to the house, that congress did pass an act on the sixth day of May, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, guarantying a loan of 300,000 dollars for the use of the city of Washington, of which said sum not more than 200,000 dollars are to be borrowed in any one year; that the said commissioners are duly authorized and required by the president of the United States to borrow any sum, not exceeding 250,000 dollars, and to receive stock of the United States, bearing an immediate interest of 6 per cent. at par with specie; that upon an examination into the value of the property proposed to be pledged, and of the funds for the payment of the annual interest, they appear to be amply sufficient for the proposed objects; that the interest on the loan heretofore made has been regularly paid, and the principal applied with economy to completing the federal buildings; and that the funds of the state will readily admit of a loan of 100,000 dollars 6 per cent. stock to the said commissioners. The committee submit the following resolutions to the consideration of the house.

RESOLVED, That this state will loan, for the use of the city of Washington, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, agreeably to the request made by the commissioners of the said city under the authority given by the president of the United States to them, conformably to the act of the congress of the United States.

RESOLVED, That the said loan be paid in six per cent. stock of the United States bearing an immediate interest of six per cent. at par, which sum the trustee of this state is authorized to transfer to the said commissioners; provided, to secure the repayment of the same, with interest, at the times and in the manner prescribed by the act of congress, entitled, An act authorising a loan for the use of the city of Washington, in the district of Columbia, and for other purposes therein mentioned, Gustavus Scott, William Thornton and Alexander White, or a majority of them, give bond to the state of Maryland conditioned for the payment of one hundred thousand dollars, and punctual payment of six per cent. interest.