

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Ebenezer Perkins and James Groome, of Kent county, report, that having taken the same into consideration, are of opinion that the same thereof is reasonable and ought to be granted. All which, &c.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel county, praying an act may pass for establishing a road from Jumper's Hole through Thomas Smith's land to intersect the public road, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. J. C. Thomas, Mr. Hall and Mr. Brogden, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, counter to the petition respecting the turnpike road, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it counter.

Mr. Bond, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act to streighten and amend the public roads in Harford county, and for other purposes, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. C. Beall, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to streighten and amend the several public roads in several counties, and for other purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The amendments to the bill to incorporate the German evangelical reformed church, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill, entitled, An act to repeal certain acts of assembly which authorize associate justices to grant ordinary and retailing licences during the recess of their respective courts, and for other purposes, endorsed; "By the senate, December 27, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

" By the senate, December 28, 1797: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The supplement to the act respecting certificates of surveys made on the eastern shore, endorsed; "By the senate, December 27, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

" By the senate, December 28, 1797: Read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendment.

" By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Amendment proposed. Strike out from the word "money" in the 3d line from the bottom of the 1st page to the word "this" in the 9th line of the last page.

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

The bill to regulate constables fees, endorsed; "By the senate, December 26, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

" By the senate, December 28, 1797: Read the second time and will not pass.

" By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The bill to prohibit the driving of cattle into Allegany county, and the supplement to an act, entitled, An additional supplementary act to the act, entitled, An act for quieting possessions, enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers, severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 27, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

" By the senate, December 28, 1797: Read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

" By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

On motion, ORDERED, That the report on the petition of Upton Beall be committed for amendment.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill to interest the state of Maryland in the Sequoyahanna canal, and to enlarge her capital in the Patowmack company; and the bill being read through out, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Determined in the negative.

The following resolution being propounded, was read.

RESOLVED, That this state loan to the Patowmack company 72,000 dollars of stock bearing an immediate interest of six per cent. and that the trustee for the state transfer the same to their order, upon bond being given by the directors of said company, or a majority of them, with such security as shall be approved of by the governor and council, to pay the interest which shall accrue on the said sum, semi-annually, until the navigation and locks shall be so complete as to authorize the said company to receive full tolls, when the state may elect to become a stockholder to the amount of the sum loaned, or any part thereof, at the rate of 577 dollars 77 cents for each share, or may receive the principal; to secure the repayment of which at the period aforesaid, the whole stock of the Patowmack company shall be the pledge; but in case the said state shall elect to take stock for the sum loaned, then the company shall be reimbursed all the interest which shall have been paid on the said loan.

RESOLVED, That no stock shall be transferred by the trustee until the directors of the Patowmack company shall produce, and lodge with the governor and council, a contract, with such security as they shall approve, for the completion of the locks at the Great Falls within two years from this date.

ORDERED, That the same have a second reading on to-morrow, and that the printer to the state strike one hundred copies for the use of the general assembly.

The report on the petition of Alexander Contee Hanson was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That the committee appointed on the said petition prepare and bring in the same.