

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Margaret Lucorft, of Frederick county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration and are of opinion that the prayer of the said petitioner is just and reasonable, and ought to be granted.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas Metzler and Charles Hefs, of Frederick county, report, that they have examined the same, and think the contents thereof are reasonable and just, and that a law ought to pass for their relief.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Warfield, 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 Frederick county, praying that their rights to certain lands purchased by them, previous to their having been naturalized according to the laws of this state and the United States, may be confirmed, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the said petitioners ought to be granted.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Washington county 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.

Mr. J. Buchanan, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorise a lottery in Elizabeth-town, in Washington county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the secretary of the senate, with a copy of their journals; which was read.

The bill to authorise a lottery in Frederick-town, in Frederick county, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Prince-George's county 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.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Andrew M'Clary, of Allegany county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable, and ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read the first and 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.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to an act, entitled, An act for marking of highways, and making the heads of rivers, creeks, branches and swamps, passable for horse and foot. ORDERED, That Mr. Mackall, Mr. M'Pherson and Mr. Warfield, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Sarah Thompson, of Saint-Mary's county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

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 the committee appointed on the said petition prepare and bring in the same.

The report on the petition of Henry Herring, senior, 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.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Catharine Bowman and Daniel Bowman, of Washington county, report, that they have examined the papers referred to in the said petition, and finding the facts stated by the said petitioners to be true, are of opinion that their prayer ought to be granted.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the encouragement of learning. ORDERED, That Mr. J. Buchanan, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. E. K. Wilson, Mr. Carroll, Mr. A. Buchanan, Mr. Hollingsworth and Mr. Parnham, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Josiah Johnson, of Kent county, report, that they have examined into the same, and find that the said Josiah Johnson is in arrear to the state for a balance of fines, forfeitures, americiaments, ordinary and retailers licences, for which judgments are obtained by the general court of the eastern shore against him and his securities; that in consequence of the said Josiah Johnson not paying the said monies at the time prescribed by law, he is now liable to pay fifteen per cent. on said balance. Your committee are of opinion, that as it hath been usual in such cases for the state to release nine per cent. it would be but right in this case to afford the petitioner the relief prayed for; they therefore submit to the house the propriety of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That if Josiah Johnson shall, on or before the first day of March next, pay into the treasury of the eastern shore the principal sum, together with an interest of six per cent. due from him to