

State for fines, forfeitures, amerciaments, ordinary and retailers licences, for which judgments are obtained against him and his securities in the general court of the eastern shore, and all the costs of suit thereon, that then he and his said securities shall be released from the payment of the further interest of nine per cent. which they are now by law liable to pay.

By order,

R. K. WATTS, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Francis Sellers, and others, of Caroline county, praying an act of incorporation, and an allowance for the final completion of a school-house begun by them, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Young, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Ridgely, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. A. Buchanan, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following answer to the governor's address:

The honourable JOHN HENRY, Esquire.

S I R,

THE House of Representatives of the State of Maryland have received your communications on several interesting subjects, which merit, and will command, their attention.

The peculiar situation of our country requires the utmost vigilance and energy. Of course, our militia system will undergo a serious revision; for it is a deep and solemn truth, never to be departed from in republican governments, that their ultimate security rests on a well organized, prompt and disciplined militia. Connected with this subject, we feel the necessity of attending to the situation of our arms and arsenals.

That species of property existing amongst us, to which you have with equal delicacy and propriety referred, shall not escape our consideration, and every attention will be paid to the separate objects recommended in your communication, more particularly the Massachusetts resolves, the principle of which is of the utmost political consequence, and will most probably be adopted, so far as is consistent with acquired and existing rights.

In reply to your observations respecting the order in favour of Charlotte-Hall school, we cannot but concur with you, that institutions for the instruction of youth merit, in a peculiar manner, our attention, and that the public money cannot be expended in any way more useful to the community, than in placing the benefits of light and knowledge, and their consequences, rational liberty, good morals and religion, within the resources of men of moderate fortunes.

We have heard, with regret, your determination to retire from public life, and sincerely believe that you will carry with you the consolation of an upright and virtuous heart, and the grateful sense of your countrymen for more than twenty years honourable and meritorious services in the highest offices in the power of the state or its citizens to confer. We sincerely wish you health, peace and happiness.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

RESOLVED, That the speaker sign and forward a copy of the above answer to the governor's address, to John Henry, Esquire, late governor of the state.

On motion, ORDERED, That the committee on the communications from the executive be discharged from the consideration of the Massachusetts resolutions, and that this house will form itself into a committee of the whole on the same on Wednesday week.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to regulate constables fees. ORDERED, That Mr. Jones, Mr. Winder and Mr. Ridgely, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, November 16, 1798.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Petitions from William Davis, of Baltimore county, Hugh and Robert Hales, of Baltimore city, and William M'Comas, of Harford county, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from Joshua and Jacob Lemmon, of Baltimore county, praying an act may pass to make valid a corrected certificate for a tract of land called Springfield Enlarged, which was not returned in the land-office in time agreeably to law, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, Mr. A. Buchanan and Mr. Wallace, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Susanna Carroll, of Saint-Mary's county, praying a sum of money may be levied on the said county for the support of a poor infant, was preferred, read, and referred, to Mr. Leigh, Mr. Barber and Mr. Addison, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of Margaret Lucorft 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.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Frederick 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 petition of Margaret Lucorft prepare and bring in the same.

The report on the petition of Nicholas Metzler and Charles Hefs, of Frederick 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 petition of Margaret Lucorft prepare and bring in the same.

The report on the petition of John Leatherman, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That the committee appointed on the petition of Margaret Lucorft prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. M'Comas, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

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