

S A T U R D A Y, November 17, 1798.

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

Petitions from Joshua Groves, of Anne-Arundel county, William Scott, John Ditzbaugh and William Dwyer, of Baltimore city, and Jacob Clements, of Charles county, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature. Mr. Warfield has leave of absence for a few days.

A petition from a number of inhabitants of Cæcil county, praying an act may pass for laying out and opening a road from the place where the road laid out and opened in Chester county ends at the state line, on as straight a course as the ground will admit, to intersect the great road leading from the brick meeting-house to Archibald Dyfark's tavern on Big Elk Hill, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Miller, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Hollingsworth and Mr. C. Frazier, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Thomas, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorize a lottery in Middle-town, in Frederick county; which was read the first and second time by special order, and passed.

A petition from the vestry, and others, of William and Mary parish, in Saint-Mary's county, praying the vestry may be authorized to dispose of a certain tract of land in said parish, and to apply the money arising therefrom to the completing a new church now began in the said parish, and in repairing the glebe, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Neale, Mr. Leigh and Mr. Barber, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry citizens from the town of Havre-de-Grace, praying an act may pass to prevent geese and swine from going at large in said town, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. M'Comas, Mr. Dalam and Mr. Jarrett, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Jones, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the establishment of a new public road in Somerset county; which was read the first and second time by special order, and passed.

A petition from Cassandra Thompson, of Montgomery county, praying a sum of money may be levied on the said county for her support, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Swearingen, Mr. R. Magruder and Mr. Summers, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Joseph Flower, of Saint-Mary's county, praying a sum of money may be levied on the said county for the support of his child, who is insane, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Leigh, Mr. Barber and Mr. Neale, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Simkins, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to ascertain the allowance of jurymen and witnesses of the general court, and the several county and orphan courts in this state; which was read the first and second time, and passed.

Mr. Calvert has leave of absence for a few days.

Mr. Young, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Jane Green, of Caroline county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true, and are of opinion a law ought to pass agreeable to the prayer of the petitioner. All which is submitted to the house.

By order, J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read. The supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the destruction of wolves in Allegany county, was read the second time, and passed.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the regulation of officers fees. ORDERED, That Mr. T. Buchanan, Mr. Keene, Mr. Winder, Mr. Edmondson and Mr. Parnham, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Thomas John Clagett, Ralph Higinbotham and Jeremiah T. Chafe, stating, that they, together with Samuel Chafe, William Cooke, Rinaldo Johnson and Philip Barton Key, Esquires, were appointed a committee, by the convention of the protestant episcopal church in Maryland, to present the memorial of the said convention to the general assembly, on the subject of a new vestry act, and praying that the act for the establishment of vestries for each parish in this state, referred to the consideration of the present general assembly, with such improvements as the legislature may think proper to make, may be passed into a law, was preferred; read, and referred to the committee appointed to bring in a bill for the establishment of vestries for each parish in this state.

A memorial from the convention of the protestant episcopal church in this state, praying an act to incorporate them to manage their temporal affairs to advantage, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed to bring in a bill for the establishment of vestries for each parish in this state.

The speaker laid before the house the following address: To JOHN ADAMS, President of the UNITED STATES.

SIR, THE General Assembly of the State of Maryland, composed of characters selected by the various classes of its citizens, and possessed of a full knowledge of the sentiments of their constituents, would, in this interesting crisis of public affairs, do little justice to their feelings, the interest of their country, and to your virtue, in forbearing to express an entire and cordial approbation of the firm, temperate, and dignified measures of your administration. Called to the presidency of the general government, at a moment when the aspiring and venal rulers of France convulsed all Europe with a war prosecuted for plunder and aggrandisement, it was not difficult to foresee, that every species of artifice and intrigue which talents could suggest, ambition excite, or avarice inflame, would be employed to disturb our happiness and peace, to cajole or force our country into