

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1798.

A representation from sundry inhabitants of Prince-George's county, praying that a sum, not exceeding twelve thousand dollars, may be loaned by the state for the purpose of building a gaol and court-house, and that the state may be reimbursed by taxes levied on the said county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. J. Magruder, Mr. Taney, Mr. Mackall, Mr. Duckett and Mr. E. Brown, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Jones, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the changing of part of the divisional road between Somerset and Worcester counties, and for changing part of a road in Worcester county called the Black Foot Road; which was read the first and second time by especial order, and passed.

The report on the petition of Joshua and Jacob Lemmon 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. Gwinn, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of certain foreigners therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The speaker laid before the house a memorial from sundry militia officers of this state, presenting a militia system for their consideration; which was read.

ORDERED, That the same be referred to the committee appointed to bring in a bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state to consider and report thereon.

The further 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, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Barber,	Mackall,	Hyland,	Miller,	Gwinn,	Cellar,
Barroll,	Parnham,	Winder,	J. Magruder,	Jarrett,	Geoghegan,
Tilghman,	T. Buchanan,	Steuart,	Quynn,	M'Comas,	Summers,
Briscoe,	M'Pherson,	Pattison,	J. Brown,	Potter,	R. Magruder,
Brogden,	E. Brown,	Keene,	Wright,	Clarke,	Swearingen,
Worthington,	Nabb,	S. Frazier,	Purnell,	Young,	Cresap, of D. 38.
Hall,	Jones,				

N E G A T I V E.

Neale,	Brome,	Steele,	Corbin,	Riley,	Simkins.
Taney,					7.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, ORDERED, That the committee appointed on the report of the trustee of the state be discharged.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court. ORDERED, That Mr. Gwinn, Mr. Barroll, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Summers and Mr. Duckett, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from George Farrington, of Somerset county, praying the state to relinquish her right to certain lands in Baltimore county and Baltimore city, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Jones, Mr. Winder, Mr. A. Buchanan, Mr. Hyland and Mr. Steuart, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of David Kerr, of Talbot county, report, that they have had the same under their consideration, and examined the account of the said Kerr against the state, but from the endorsement of the opinion of the intendant on the said act, relative to the justice of the same, your committee find themselves much at a loss on the subject; but as your committee think it right that every claimant against the state should have a full investigation allowed him, they for that purpose submit to the house the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the auditor-general, under the direction of the governor and council, examine and liquidate, upon equitable principles, the account of David Kerr, of Talbot county, with the state of Maryland, and if any sum should be found due, that the governor and council draw an order on the treasurer of the western shore in favour of the said Kerr to the amount of the same, who is hereby ordered to pay it.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill relating to the public roads in Caroline county. ORDERED, That Mr. Young, Mr. Clarke and Mr. Potter, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill relating to the public roads in Somerset county. ORDERED, That Mr. Jones, Mr. Steuart and Mr. Hyland, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the masters, wardens and brethren, of the grand lodge of free masons in the state of Maryland, report, that they have examined the said petition, and do recommend that an act of incorporation be granted agreeably to the prayer thereof.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from William Russell, of the state of Connecticut, and a citizen of the United States, stating, that he has a claim against the state for property sold by the state belonging to the Principio company, as one of the partners of the said company, and praying relief, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. E. K. Wilson, Mr. A. Buchanan and Mr. Barroll, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Stephen White, of Worcester county, stating, that he is one of the proprietors of a line of stages from Philadelphia to Norfolk, in Virginia, by the way of Dover and Snow Hill, and praying