

praying they may be permitted to make use of their slaves as drivers of the stages without their becoming free by the laws of this state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. E. K. Wilson, Mr. Jones and Mr. Winder, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Dallam, 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 Harford county reports that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion the prayer of the petitioners is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, 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.

Whereas it appears by the certificate of the clerk of Baltimore county at January term last, that in Baltimore county court, negro Linde, the slave of Edward Norwood, was convicted of setting fire to the house of said Norwood, and sentence of death was passed on said negro by the justices of said court, who valued said negro at seventy-five pounds current money, and the aforesaid sentence was commuted by the governor; therefore, RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay unto the said Edward Norwood the sum of seventy-five pounds current money, it being the amount of the valuation aforesaid.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, November 21, 1798.

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

A petition from sundry citizens of Baltimore city, praying they may be authorized to dispose of the grounds appropriated for the purpose of building a new gaol in the said city, and to purchase others, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. W. Wilson, Mr. A. Buchanan, Mr. Carroll, Mr. E. Brown and Mr. Hall, to consider and report thereon.

A memorial from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore city and county, praying an act may pass to prevent the practice of vending spirituous and other liquors in the public gaol in the said city, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the above petition to consider and report thereon.

Petitions from Edmund Custis, of Baltimore city, and John R. Bryce, of the city of Annapolis, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill to repeal the forty-fifth section of the constitution of this state? Determined in the negative.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to the act, entitled, An act to prevent excessive gaming in this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Brome, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Hyland, Mr. Beall, Mr. Jarrett, Mr. Simkins and Mr. Parrham, be a committee to 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 Margaret Lucort, of Frederick county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The report on the petition of Francis Sellers, and others, 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. Young, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the establishment of a school in Caroline county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Bruce, 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 Washington and Frederick counties, after considering the same, report, that finding the facts therein stated to be true, are of opinion the inconvenience complained of is oppressive, and ought to be removed; but taking into view the situation of this particular part, together with some other local objections, find insuperable difficulties in opposition to obtaining relief, and which relief, if granted, might be attended with evils still more burthenome, and in their nature of more extensive influence than those prayed for to be removed. From this view of the subject, the committee are of opinion redress in this case cannot consistently be given. All which is submitted.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Gassaway Watkins, of Anne-Arundel county, stating, that he was appointed by the chancellor to take charge of Philemon Dorsey, son of John, a lunatic, and praying an act may pass for the sale of the real estate of the said lunatic, and that the proceeds thereof may be under the control of the chancellor, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Hall and Mr. Worthington, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of the upper part of Allegany 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. Ridgely, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for making valid a corrected certificate of land therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to pay the civil list and other expences of civil government. ORDERED, That Mr. Carroll, Mr. Jarrett and Mr. Hall, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.