

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1798.

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and that if the said Abraham Jarrett pay the principal sum, and six per cent. interest thereon as aforesaid, on the first day of December, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, then to be released from the payment of fifteen per cent. interest imposed by law for non-payment.

By order,

R. K. WATTS, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to. The report on the petition of Josiah Johnson was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

A memorial from the proprietors of the Susquehanna canal, praying an additional sum of money, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Wallace, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Montgomery, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to incorporate a company for the purpose of cutting and making a canal between the Chesapeake bay and the river Delaware. ORDERED, That Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Edmondson, Mr. Hyland, Mr. Taney, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Barroll and Mr. Carroll, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from James Lloyd, stating, that his negro slave Abraham had escaped from the gaol of Kent county, to which he had been committed by a justice of the peace of said county for a violent assault and battery on a certain John Gary; that said slave has never been in his possession since his escape, and praying such relief as the general assembly may think proper to grant, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Barroll, Mr. Duckett, Mr. Taney, Mr. Key and Mr. Hall, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. J. Brown, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act for the relief of the poor of Queen-Anne's county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A memorial from the directors of the Susquehanna river company, praying a sum of money to be expended in clearing obstructions from the bed of the said river, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Carroll, Mr. Wallace, Mr. J. Magruder, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Hollingsworth, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Winder, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to aid conveyances of land improperly enrolled; and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to provide arms for the militia of this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Duckett, Mr. Hall, Mr. Nabb, Mr. Jones and Mr. Cresap, of Michael, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The following message being prepared, was read and agreed to.

By THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 26, 1798.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE;
WE propose a committee of conference with your house to inquire into the present situation of the stock in the bank of England belonging to this state, and to receive from the agent for the recovery of the said stock any communications respecting the same which it is in his power to give. This house have appointed Mr. Thomas Buchanan, Mr. Key, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Duckett and Mr. A. Buchanan, to meet any gentlemen of your house that you may please to nominate, if you approve of the conference.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to regulate the inspection of tobacco. ORDERED, That Mr. Hall, Mr. J. Magruder, Mr. M'Pherson, Mr. Parnham, Mr. Edmondson, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Duckett, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from William Carpenter, of Saint-Mary's county, praying that he may be reimbursed by the county for two hogsheads of tobacco stolen out of the warehouse of which he was inspector; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Leigh, Mr. Barber and Mr. Greenwell, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Carpenter, of Saint-Mary's county, do leave to 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 hereto. 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 the relief of Henry Stevenson and Robert Gorsuch, late sheriffs of Baltimore county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to ascertain the height of fences, to prevent the evil occasioned by the multitude of horses, and restraining horse rangers within this province, and to redress the great evil accruing to this province by the multiplicity of useless horses, mares and colts, that run in the woods. ORDERED, That Mr. Gwinn, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Gwynn, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

By the COMMITTEE of CLAIMS.

YOUR committee report, that pursuant to a resolution passed at the present session, they have burnt the sum of £.8850 of the emissions made by an act of congress of the 18th March, 1780, it being part of the one-tenth of the bills that became issuable in exchange for old continental money, and appropriated for the purpose of calling out of circulation the bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly, and resolves of a convention of this state.

By order,

S. MAYNARD, clk.

Which was read.

A memorial