

The committee would observe, that so much of our capital as consists of deferred stock, will not be actively profitable until the expiration of the year eighteen hundred, when an interest of six per cent. will be receivable on it.

The committee report, that the taxes and fees in the chancery-office have gradually increased in amount, and now very nearly pay the salary of the chancellor—And they further report, that the annual revenue derived from the fines, forfeitures, ordinary, retailers and marriage licences, has greatly increased, and, with the growing population and wealth of our country, will prove a most beneficial and productive income.

By order,

S. MAYNARD, clk.

Which was read.

ORDERED, That the printer to the state strike one hundred copies of the said report for the use of the general assembly.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, December 3, 1798.

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

Petitions from Thomas Mullen, of Kent county, John Savin and John Makin, David Churchman and Thomas Churchman, of Cecil county, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Gwinn, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A further supplement to an 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; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Jones, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to repeal the act of assembly, entitled, An act to dispose of Eden school, in Somerset county, and to apply the money to the purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The report on the petition of Thomas N. Martin 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. Quynn, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Mary Williams, of the city of Annapolis, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true, they are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

By order,

R. K. WATTS, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, ORDERED, That the committee appointed to bring in a supplement to the act for appointing commissioners to contract for and purchase the Indian lands in Dorchester county, and for appropriating the same to the use of this state, be discharged.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for appointing commissioners to contract for and purchase the Choptank Indian lands in Dorchester county, and for appropriating the same to the use of this state, and to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. J. Brown, Mr. Steele and Mr. S. Frazier, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of the proprietors of the Susquehanna canal report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that a steady and constant navigation of the river Susquehanna is an object of primary importance to the state of Maryland, and that the object can effectually be attained by the aid of canal; that this great work ought not to be delayed, but that the interests of the state are very materially concerned in having it completed as speedily as possible, inasmuch as the most powerful and expensive exertions have been and still are employed by means of turnpikes, cross canals, &c. by a wealthy sister state, to divert the valuable trade of this river from the channel of Maryland; that having in view the real and solid welfare of the state, as connected with the subject of the said memorial, they are further of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted.

By order,

S. MAYNARD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. J. Brown, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for appointing commissioners to contract for and purchase the Choptank Indian lands in Dorchester county, and for appropriating the same to the use of this state, and to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be and they are hereby requested to lay before this house, on or before Monday next, an accurate statement of the number of arms and accoutrements belonging to this state, the state and condition they are in, and where they are deposited.