

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to an act, entitled, An act to authorise a lottery to improve the post-road leading through Allegany county. ORDERED, That Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Simkins and Mr. Beall, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Whereas the proprietors of negroes in this state are subjected to great loss and inconvenience, by reason of their slaves absconding into the states of Delaware, Pennsylvania and New-Jersey, where they remain concealed and protected for a length of time by the citizens, and thereby frequently escape altogether from their masters, and there is no adequate provisions in the laws of those states for arresting and restoring to the proprietors such runaway negroes; therefore, RESOLVED, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorized and requested to communicate with the supreme executives of the states aforesaid on the subject aforesaid, and to concert with them such measures as may be deemed effectual for preventing the abuses aforesaid.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the levy court of Washington county report, that they have examined and considered the same, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, 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.

The report on the petitions of sundry inhabitants of Frederick and Washington counties was read the second time and concurred with.

A petition from Susanna Dwyer, of Kent county, praying the present possessor of a tract of land called Howard's Policy may be compelled to pay her forty pounds annually during her natural life, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Barroll and Mr. T. Buchanan, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Mary Dwyer, of Kent county, counter to the petition of Susanna Dwyer, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on the petition of Susanna Dwyer.

The bill to authorise and empower the levy court of Saint-Mary's county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, was read the second time, and passed.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Catharine Lenham, of Montgomery county, have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable, and ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to alter, change and abolish, such part of the constitution and form of government of the state as vacates the appointment and power of the several persons therein referred to, and to establish and confirm certain acts done by such persons. ORDERED, That Mr. Key, Mr. T. Buchanan and Mr. Montgomery, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Briscoe has leave of absence for three weeks.

The bill to authorise and empower the levy court for Saint-Mary's county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, was read the second time, and passed.

The report on the petition of Mary Williams 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.

On motion, ORDERED, That the committee of claims make an allowance on the journal of accounts in favour of Mr. Thomas Buchanan, a delegate for Charles county, for thirty days, being the time he was detained in the city of Annapolis by indisposition after the rising of the last general assembly.

Mr. M'Comas, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower the levy court of Harford county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to authorise a lottery in Kent county for the purpose of raising a sum of money to complete and finish the chapel in Shrewsbury parish, was read the second time, and passed.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore city, counter to a petition from sundry inhabitants of said city for enlarging second street, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it is counter.

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

T U E S D A Y, December 4, 1798.

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

A petition from John Thomas Boucher, of Prince-George's county, praying compensation for his services as one of the assessors of said county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Duckett, Mr. Calvert and Mr. Bruce, to consider and report thereon.

Petitions