

An act for the relief of such persons as cannot find surety for their appearance to testify as a witness against any person arrested, accused or prosecuted, for any criminal matter, passed at June session, seven-teen hundred and fifty-two.

Your committee also report, that they discovered several laws which expire this session relating to the internal police of the city of Baltimore, but presuming that the several subjects have been acted upon by the corporation of that city, they have omitted to insert them in this report.

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.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to make permanent and to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned. ORDERED, That the committee on expiring laws prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. E. K. Wilson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Stephen White, of Worcester county, report, that they have examined into the facts stated in said petition, and finding them true, beg leave to state to the house, as their opinion, the propriety of granting the prayer thereof.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Quynn, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower the levy court of Anne-Arundel 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.

Mr. Leigh, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower the levy court of Saint-Mary's county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time by especial order, and passed.

Mr. Key, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker, a bill, entitled, An act for the better security of property in slaves; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the trustees of Cokesbury college report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the trustees, by the act of incorporation, are fully competent to dispose of the lands and effects of said college, and apply the amount of sales to the discharge of debts, without any other or further legislative interference.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to appoint an agent for the year 1799. ORDERED, That Mr. T. Buchanan, Mr. Key, Mr. Barroll, Mr. Tilghman and Mr. Leigh, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Tilghman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee on insolvent petitions report, that they have had the petition of Philip Edwards, of Baltimore county, under consideration, and find the facts therein truly stated; they discover, by reference to the votes and proceedings of the last session of assembly, that Samuel T. Dyson obtained a favourable report upon a similar petition; they cannot however accord in the principle of said report, and are of opinion that there is nothing in the case of the said Philip Edwards which will justify the legislature in passing the special act prayed for by said petitioner.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to alter the times of holding the courts therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. A. Buchanan, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Hollingsworth, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Calvert, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Thomas Boucher, of Prince-George's county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable and just, 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.

Mr. Jones, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act relating to public roads in Somerset county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Thomas, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the destruction of wolves in Frederick county; which was read the first and second time by especial order, and passed.

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 John Rogers, of the city of Baltimore, late a mariner in the service of the state of Maryland, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and believing the facts therein stated to be true, are of opinion that the legislature