

McMechen and James Hollyday, Esquires, to confer with the gentlemen named in your message on that subject.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Key, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of fundry insolvent debtors; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The report on the petition of Alexander Rigdon was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to incorporate a school in Allegany county by the name of Allegany County School. ORDERED, That Mr. Simkins, Mr. Beall and Mr. Cresap, of Daniel, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

S A T U R D A Y, December 8, 1798.

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

The bill relating to public roads in Somerset county, and the resolution in favour of Alexander Rigdon, were sent to the senate by the clerk.

A representation from Joseph Harris, clerk of Saint-Mary's county, stating, that there are no records of any judgments for many years past, and that no extracts of deeds have been transmitted agreeably to law, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Leigh, Mr. Neale and Mr. T. Buchanan, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of Stephen White was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That the committee on the said petition prepare and bring in the same.

A representation from fundry justices of the peace for Baltimore county, praying a revision of the laws by which justices of the peace are governed, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed to bring in a bill for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court.

ORDERED, That Mr. Tilghman and Mr. Carroll be added to the said committee.

Petitions from Elkin Solomon, of Baltimore city, and James Greenleaf, of the city of Washington, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from William Gilmore, of Baltimore county, stating, that the state of Maryland is indebted to him for work done on the stadthouse, and praying relief, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Harwood, Mr. Brogden and Mr. Carroll, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Thomas Randall, of Baltimore county, praying he may be authorized to have a certificate for thirty-seven acres of land recorded in the land-office, which he omitted to have recorded in due time, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Lemmon, Mr. E. Brown and Mr. Carroll, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Key, from the committee of conference, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the honourable Rufus King, minister plenipotentiary from the United States of America to the king of Great-Britain, be requested to continue his best endeavours to procure an absolute and unconditional transfer of the bank stock belonging to this state in the hands of the accountant-general of the high court of chancery of Great-Britain; and that the said Rufus King be and he is hereby appointed trustee, in behalf of this state, to accept and receive, in his own name, a transfer of the said stock, and dividends thereon due, but if he shall find it impracticable to obtain a transfer of all the said stock, unless he will engage, on behalf of this state, to pay a sum of money as a compensation for the property of the late James Russell, confiscated by this government during the late war, that in such case the said Rufus King be authorized and requested to make such engagement, and to pay the same by a sale or transfer of so much stock, provided the said sum shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand six hundred and fifty pounds sterling, and interest from such time as he shall think proper.

Which was read the first and second time and assented to.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Frederick Magnus Amelung, of Frederick county, beg leave to report, that they have given the same due consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the said petitioner is just and reasonable, and therefore ought to be complied with.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Ridgely, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker, a bill, entitled, An act to prevent the going at large of swine within a limited distance of the city of Baltimore, and to repeal an act of assembly therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That the same have a second reading on Thursday next.

The 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, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Bruce,