

The further additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to freighten and amend the several public roads in several counties, and for other purposes, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

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

Mr. Greenwell, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower the justices of the levy court of Saint Mary's county to assess and levy a sum of money for the support and maintenance of Edward Joseph; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The following message being prepared, was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate, with the bill for making valid a corrected certificate of land therein mentioned, by the clerk.

By THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 13, 1798.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE return herewith the bill, entitled, An act for making valid a corrected certificate therein mentioned, wishing you to reconsider the subject, as the petitioner appears to us to require relief. The state has received a consideration for the land mentioned in the bill, and the party is without remedy, unless by the interference of the legislature. By making a new survey, the parties will be entitled to the land, and it is presumable a subsequent legislature would return the money paid, as has been done in similar cases, but the time limited by law for the payment on a new certificate will expire before the next session, and the parties will be compelled to pay the money a second time or risk the loss of the land. We therefore hope, from the circumstances of this case, you will reconsider the bill and pass it.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The bill to empower Thomas Johnson, James Johnson, Baker Johnson and Roger Johnson, to remove their slaves into this state from Virginia, was read the second time by especial order, and passed with the following amendment.

Amendment proposed. At the end of the bill insert, "And provided always, that nothing in this act shall be construed to authorise the removal of any slave into this state who shall not thereafter be recorded by the clerk of Frederick county, as required by the act of one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, entitled, An act relating to negroes, and to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned; and provided also, that any slave once recorded as aforesaid may be afterwards removed at pleasure, agreeably to the provisions of this act."

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard Tilghman, and others, of Queen-Anne's county, beg leave to report, that they have examined the facts set forth in the same, and find that the petitioners, with several other persons, composed the vestry of Saint Paul's parish, lying partly in Queen-Anne's and partly in Talbot counties, from the year 1765 to the year 1776, inclusive; that large sums of tobacco were ordered by the legislature of the then province to be levied on the inhabitants of the said parish for the purpose of building a new church, and repairing the old chapel, in the said parish; that the sums so ordered to be levied were found to be insufficient for accomplishing the objects contemplated, and the vestry, under an impression that the legislature would order new sums to be levied to reimburse them, borrowed, on their own individual account, considerable sums of money, for the purpose of completing the buildings; that those sums of money, so borrowed, were expended on the buildings; and that, by an account laid before your committee, the parish appears to be indebted to the said vestry, for money actually by them expended, over and above the sums levied, and voluntarily contributed, in the full sum of £. 2911 0 0, including interest; that every item of this account is supported by the best vouchers, and your committee do not entertain a single doubt, but that the account stands perfectly correct, as to the several charges made; that your committee believe, from very respectable testimony, that considerable sums, independent of those charged, were expended, but no vouchers have been produced to support a claim for those sums; that the commencement of our revolution prevented any application to the legislature for a new levy; and your committee are of opinion, that the present inhabitants of the parish would not, at this time, consent that a tax should be imposed on them for the purpose of reimbursing the petitioners, although justice demands they should be reimbursed all the money laid out by them, and no plan so eligible as that of a lottery offers itself for the attainments of this end. Your committee therefore are of opinion that a law ought to pass, authorising the petitioners to raise by lottery a sum of money, not exceeding the sum of three thousand pounds, for the purpose of reimbursing them the several sums expended by them as above reported, and the expences of drawing said lottery. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

The bill for opening Second-street, in the city of Baltimore, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Gilbert Jones, of Harford county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true,