

them, but as this cannot be done consistent with the principles which have been heretofore adopted in the general acts passed for the relief of insolvent debtors by the legislatures of this state, which have extended only to those who have been naturalized agreeably to the laws of the United States, and which would now deprive the petitioners of the rights of citizenship for five years to come, during all which time the petitioners, unless relieved by the legislature, might be confined in, and experience all the horrors of, a noxious gaol, while their wives and poor children, natural born citizens of this state, are deprived of the assistance and comfort of their respective husbands and parents, are exposed to all the hardships and distresses of body and mind incident to poverty and indigence, unaided and unprotected, your committee earnestly recommend the petitioners to the humanity of this house, and that an act may pass, entitling them to the benefit of the insolvent law, without their being under the necessity of making it appear to the chancellor that they have complied with the requisites of the acts for naturalization, upon their taking the oaths of allegiance to this state, and the United States.

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 petitions prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Edmondson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to facilitate the draining of land in the several counties therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to repair the public gaol in Saint-Mary's county. ORDERED, That Mr. Leigh, Mr. Neale and Mr. Greenwell, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The report on the petition of George Twilly was read the second time and concurred with.

Whereas George Twilly, senior, of Somerset county, by his petition to this general assembly has set forth, that he is possessed of a certain tract of land called Chance, upon which he has made certain improvements within the bounds of the courses, as per certificate obtained from William Steuart, formerly register of the land-office, but that from a late certificate of the courses of the said tract of land, made out by John Callahan, the now register of the land-office of the western shore, it appears that the former certificate, by which the said land was surveyed, was incorrect, and that in marking and bounding said land, agreeably to the latter certificate, by virtue of a commission obtained from the county court of Somerset, a vacancy was discovered, upon which are the aforesaid improvements, but which said vacancy, he, the said Twilly, has taken up, and for which he is ready and willing at all times to pay the caution money, but prays this general assembly to release him from the payment of seventeen pounds six shillings and nine-pence, the valuation of the aforementioned improvements; RESOLVED, therefore, That the said George Twilly, senior, of Somerset county, be and he is hereby released, and for ever discharged, upon his paying the caution money on the said vacant land, from the payment of the aforesaid sum of seventeen pounds six shillings and nine-pence; and the register of the land-office is hereby ordered and directed to issue a patent of the said land to the said Twilly, upon his complying as above directed.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill to make public a certain road in Talbot county, was read the second time by especial order, and passed.

The bill to change the name of William Taylor, of Montgomery county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Magruder, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to release the heirs, executors and administrators, and the securities, of Charles Beckworth, late of Montgomery county, deceased, from a certain contract therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On the second reading of the report of the committee appointed to tax the fees on the memorial of Lawrence Oneale against the constitutionality of the election of Montgomery county, the question was put, That the house concur with that part of the said report relative to the clerk of the house and the serjeant at arms? Resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said report, the question was put, That the house concur with that part of the said report respecting the witnesses allowances? Determined in the negative.

The following resolution was then propounded to the house, and read, viz. RESOLVED, That the different witnesses mentioned in the said report be each entitled to the sum of — for each day's attendance, and that five days be allowed to each witness for attendance and itinerant charges.

On the second reading of the said resolution, the question was put, That the blank be filled up with two dollars? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Leigh,	Parnham,	Magruder,	Quynn,	J. Thomas,	Orrell,	Swearingen,
Dunn,	M'Pherson,	Riley,	Thompson,	Mason,	Buchanan,	Perry,
Wroth,	Stewart,	Haynes,	Corbin,	Potter,	Turner,	Rice,
Carcaud,	Keene,	Wallace,				24

N E G A T I V E.

Neale,	Brogden,	Cottman,	Goldborough,	C. Frazier,	Sappington,	Bond,
Barroll,	Worthington,	Hyland,	Rumfey,	Lowrey,	Shriver,	Boon,
Tilghman,	Taney,	Wilkins,	Addison,	Gunby,	Street,	Johannot,
Harwood,	Digges,	S. Frazier,	Duckett,	Franklin,	M'Comas,	Beall,
Hall,	Edmondson,	Pattifon,	Marbury,			32

So it was determined in the negative.