

The report on the petition of Gilbert Murdock 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.

ORDERED, That Mr. Warfield and Mr. Parnham, be added to the said committee.

A representation from the committee on behalf of the visitors and governors of Saint-John's college, with an account of expenditure during the last and present years, was read and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Digges, Mr. Duckett, Mr. Parnham and Mr. Addison, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of Francis Williams was read the second time and concurred with.

A petition from James Frazier, of Prince-George's county, praying the state to restore to him certain real property that has been confiscated, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Duckett, Mr. Key, Mr. Taney, Mr. Digges and Mr. Marbury, to consider and report thereon.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution requesting the governor to transmit a copy of the law to incorporate a company for the purpose of cutting and making a canal between the river Delaware and the Chesapeake bay to the governors of Pennsylvania and Delaware, endorsed; "By the senate, December 9, 1799: Read the first and second time by especial order and assented to.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of the trustees of Hillsborough school, in Caroline county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the objects of the memorialists highly merit the sanction and encouragement of the legislature of Maryland. Your committee, being fully aware of the embarrassments and difficulties which the inhabitants of Caroline county have unavoidably to encounter in the education of their children, and anxious to forward the progress of learning in this state, feel it their duty to solicit the house to the adoption of a resolution calculated to effect the objects contemplated by the petitioners, and for this purpose recommend the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the eastern shore be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay unto the trustees of Hillsborough school, and their successors, or order, on or before the first day of May next, and annually thereafter, the sum of — dollars, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury of that shore.

By order, L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

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

Mr. Warfield, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following reports:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying that a road may be opened according to the direction therein stated, report, that the same appears reasonable, and are of opinion that a law should pass according to the prayer of said petitioners.

By order, J. F. HARRIS, clk.

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Hugh Coile, of Frederick county, report, that upon examination of the contents thereof, they think a law ought to pass according to the prayer of said petitioner.

By order, J. F. HARRIS, clk.

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Basil Dorsey, William Ballinger and Anthony Poultney, inhabitants of Frederick county, report, that they have examined the same, and are of opinion, from the circumstances stated in said petition, that a law ought to pass confirming the rights of the said petitioners to the land therein mentioned.

By order, J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which were read.

The report on the petition of Patrick Macgill 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 Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Perry be added to the committee on the bill for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to prevent unnecessary delay and expence, and for the further advancement of justice in the court of chancery. ORDERED, That Mr. Key, Mr. Taney and Mr. Carroll, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, the question was put on the following: ORDERED, That Mr. Duckett, Mr. Key, Mr. Taney, Mr. Barroll, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Digges and Mr. Harwood, be a committee to inquire into and report to this house the existing situation of the bank stock in the bank of England belonging to this state. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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

Barber,	Brome,	Hyland,	Quynn,	Sappington,	Potter,	Cellar,
Neale,	M'Pherson,	Stewart,	Key,	Shriver,	Orrell,	Riley,
Barroll,	Digges,	Wilkins,	Wright,	Street,	Boon,	Swearingen,
Wroth,	Ridgely,	Haynes,	Parnell,	M'Comas,	Buchanan,	Perry,
Harwood,	Brown,	Rumfey,	Gunby,	Ayres,	Johannot,	Tomlinson,
Hall,	Rose,	Addison,	Corbin,	Bond,	Geoghegan,	Rice,
Worthington,	Denny,	Duckett,	Franklin,	Mason,	M'Clain,	Beall.
Carcau,	Cottman,	Marbury,				