

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Nelson, Mr. Steele, Mr. Scott, Mr. Harwood, Mr. Quinton, Mr. Chapman and Mr. Montgomery, be a committee to examine the situation of the government house, and the furniture belonging to the same, and that they make report to this house.

A petition from the German lutheran society of the city of Baltimore, praying an act may pass to incorporate said society, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Scott, Mr. Dickson and Mr. Lemmon, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the city and county of Baltimore, praying an act may pass appointing special commissioners, and to authorize them to borrow money for laying out a road, cutting down a hill, and erecting a bridge over the Valley run, near the turnpike gate, at the foot of said hill, on the road leading to Frederick, Washington and Allegany counties, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Scott, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Stansbury, Mr. Love, Mr. Lemmon, Mr. Moore and Mr. Shriver, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Goldsborough has leave of absence for a few days.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, praying an act may pass for making a street across the Basin, leading from the east side of Light-street to the east side of Forest-street, and that the same street shall contain, in breadth, to the westward, sixty feet, with certain arches sufficient to let the water flow and re-flow through the same, until the owners of the property on the west side thereof shall complete their wharfs so as to fill up that part of the Basin, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of sundry inhabitants of the city and county of Baltimore, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from the right reverend John Carroll, and others, of the city of Baltimore, stating, that they, with many others, associated themselves for the humane purpose of raising monies for the maintenance and education of female children, and praying to be incorporated, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Scott, Mr. Dickson and Mr. E. Davis, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Tilghman, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to alter the times of holding the county courts in Frederick and Washington counties; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution in favour of Charles Baltzell, endorsed; "By the senate, November 9, 1801: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk.

"By the senate, November 13, 1801: Read the second time and assented to.

"By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk."

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the fourth district of Allegany county, praying said district may be laid out anew, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Cresap, Mr. B. Tomlinson and Mr. Van-Horn, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill authorizing commissioners to make alterations in the election districts, and the places of holding elections, in the several counties therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Van-Horn, Mr. Chapman, Mr. B. Tomlinson, Mr. Miller and Mr. Carr, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying an act may pass appointing special commissioners to lay off a road from major George Beam's towards Liberty-town to the Frederick county line, and to repeal any law which may be inconsistent with their prayer, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Scott, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Stansbury, Mr. Love, Mr. Lemmon, Mr. Moore and Mr. Shriver, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Jones, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Henry Hagan, of Charles county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the relief of Hugh McCoy, Samuel Patterson Wallace and George Lashley, of Cecil county. ORDERED, That Mr. Miller, Mr. Moffit and Mr. Veazy, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Levin Lockett, of Montgomery county, praying the road leading from George-town through his land may be changed, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Veatch, Mr. T. Davis and Mr. Swearingen, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Peter Lawrence, stating that he served in the American army during the late war, and that he is rendered incapable, by a wound he received during the same, of obtaining his living, and praying relief, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Dickson, Mr. Handy and Mr. Nelson, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Houston, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom were referred the petitions of Joshua Lamb and Daniel Lamb, of Kent county, and the petition of Mary Lamb, and others, counter thereto, respectfully report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the legislature ought not to interfere with private rights, unless it be of general benefit so to do, and that the convenience or advantage of an individual or two ought not at any time to induce the measure; that however beneficial it might be to the petitioners in the present instance to drain their land in the manner prayed for, yet as the counter petitioners would certainly sustain an injury there-