

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER SESSION, 1801.

SATURDAY, November 21, 1801.

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

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Montgomery county 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.

The report on the petition of Levin Lockett 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.

The report on the petition of Robert Amos was read the second time, and the question put, That the house assent thereto? Determined in the negative.

The bill to open a road in Saint-Mary's county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from David Smith, register of wills of Cæcil county, praying an increase of fees, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of sundry sheriffs.

A petition from James Swiggott, of Queen-Anne's county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

The report on the representation of the agent was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. M'Pherson, Mr. Goldsborough and Mr. Jones, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from the presbyterian congregation of Pitt creek hundred, Worcester county, praying to be incorporated, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Quinton, Mr. Handy and Mr. Lowes, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. T. Davis and Mr. Dorsey be added to the committee on the petition of Henry Roberts.

The clerk of the senate delivers a petition from Philemon Murphy, of Queen-Anne's county, praying an act of insolvency, endorsed; "By the senate, November 21, 1801: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk."

Which was read and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature to consider and report thereon.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to voters, and the qualification of voters, be committed for amendment.

Mr. Magruder, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and open a road from John Orme's plantation to intersect the main road leading from William Darne's to Montgomery county court-house; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Scott, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Joseph Forman; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Holbrook, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower the late sheriff and collector of Somerset county to collect the balances due him; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from William M'Mahon, and others, securities of Robert Sinclair, late sheriff of Allegany county, praying an act may pass authorizing Roger Perry to make out insolvent lists, and stay execution against them as securities aforesaid, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Cresap, Mr. Simkins and Mr. Goldsborough, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the return of the state of Charlotte-Hall school, made by the president and trustees thereof, beg leave to report, that they have examined the same; that it is in all respects conformable to the directions of the act of assembly passed at November session, 1798, entitled, An act for the promotion of literature in this state, and consequently, that the said institution is entitled to a continuance of the annual donation granted to it by the act above mentioned. In the course of their attention to this subject your committee have had the satisfaction to find, from the considerable and increasing number of the students, the exertions and attention of the trustees, and the diligence and abilities of the teachers, the said school is now in the most flourishing situation, and they entertain a confident expectation, that it will soon become extensively useful, and will be a conspicuous instance to prove the wisdom of the legislature in fostering with public aid and bounty seminaries of education, to the establishment and support of which, in the present state of our country, private resources are inadequate.

By order,

Z. DUVALL, Jun. clk.

Which was read.

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

A petition