

On motion, ORDERED, That the petition of fundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel county, respecting a road on Elk Ridge, and the counter petition thereto, be withdrawn.

A petition from fundry inhabitants in the upper part of Queen-Anne's county, praying an act may pass to compel the proprietors of the land on a branch called Unicorn Branch, to cut a ditch for draining the said branch, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Thompson, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Lowrey, Mr. Holbrook and Mr. Hyland, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from William Beans, and others, counter to the petition of Charles Scott, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it is counter.

A petition from William P. Matthews, praying the levy court of Anne-Arundel county may be authorized to open a road leading from the late William Hall's plantation, on Elk Ridge, to intersect a road leading from Owings's mill to Elk Ridge landing, at a certain gate the property of George Dorsey, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. W. Dorsey, Mr. Ridgely and Mr. L. Dorsey, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Charles Emory, of Talbot county, counter to the petition of Joseph Price, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it is counter.

A petition from Robert Britt, of Allegany county, praying an act may pass authorizing the register of the land-office to grant a patent for lots 3418 and 3419, westward of Fort Cumberland, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Simkins, Mr. Cresap and Mr. J. Tomlinson, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Charles Emory, having examined the claim of the petitioner, report, that upon a list of balances in the auditor's office due to bargemen, there appears to be due to Charles Emory, for his services on board the barges, the sum of seven pounds, and it appearing that the same hath been due since the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, they therefore submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Charles Emory, or order, seven pounds, with interest thereon from the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, it being a balance due to the said Charles Emory, an old bargeman, for his services on board of the barges during the late war, as appears by a voucher from the auditor's office, under the hand of the auditor.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Abraham G. Hammond, of Baltimore county, praying compensation for a negro adjudged by the court of Baltimore to labour on the public roads, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Scott, Mr. Moore and Mr. Dickson, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to incorporate a company to open a turnpike road from Fort Cumberland to the western side of the Laurel hill, at or near Union-town, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Magruder, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to erect a town in Montgomery county, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. E. Davis, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorize the levy court of Harford county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Abraham G. Hammond, of Baltimore county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into their consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true, and are of opinion that relief ought to be granted; they therefore recommend the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the court of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery for Baltimore county are authorized and required to value the time of service of negro David Cole, the servant of Abraham G. Hammond, from the time of the conviction of the said servant in the special court of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery for Baltimore county, and enter the same in their proceedings, and that such value shall be assessed and collected with the county assessment, and paid to the said Abraham G. Hammond, or his order.

All which is submitted to this house.

By order,

Z. DUVALL, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Edward Willet, of Prince-George's county, praying an act may pass confirming his title to certain lands purchased by a certain James A. Magruder for the said Edward Willet, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Van-Horn, Mr. Bowie and Mr. Ridgely, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Hyland, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act relating to the public roads in Somerset county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The resolution in favour of Charles Queen was read the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill to correct a mistake in the beginning of lot number three thousand two hundred and eighty-seven of the lands lying westward of Fort Cumberland, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Goldborough,