

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER SESSION, 1802. 17

to a joint committee of both houses. On the part of this house, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. M'Pherson, Mr. Nelson, Mr. T. Davis and Mr. Van-Horn, are appointed to join the gentlemen named in your message.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Mr. Lemmon, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to lay out a road from Aquila Tarman's tavern to Thomas Cockey's mill, and from the said mill to the road called The Deer Park Road; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the valuation of real and personal property within this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Van-Horn, Mr. Bowie, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Lemmon, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Stansbury, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The report on the petition of the members of the methodist episcopal church in Talbot county 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.

A petition from the freeborn people of colour of the state of Maryland, was preferred and read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore, praying that an act may pass laying off a public road, beginning at or near William Sinclair's, thence by Vaughan's mine-run and gunpowder mills until it intersects the York road near to where the Owl Branch crosses the said road, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Love, Mr. Stansbury and Mr. Lemmon, to consider and report thereon.

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

A petition from William Gardiner, of Charles county, praying that he may be allowed a further time for paying a balance due the state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. P. Stuart, Mr. M'Pherson and Mr. Van-Horn, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Dorchester county, praying that an act may pass authorising the levy court of said county to change part of the road leading from the head of Church creek to the town of Cambridge, in the county aforesaid, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Steele and Mr. S. Frazier, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the representation of the trustees of Washington academy, in Somerset county, have taken the same into their consideration, and beg leave to report, that the trustees of that seminary have strictly complied with the requisitions of the act, entitled, An act for the promotion of literature within this state, passed in seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, and that they have drawn from the treasury the sum of three hundred pounds, in full of the appropriation to said academy for the year eighteen hundred and two, which they have expended in the payment of the salaries of the different tutors. The committee further state, that from the documents laid before them, and the information they have obtained, this seminary, (notwithstanding the disastrous fate it has recently experienced in the destruction of its buildings by fire,) is, by the zeal and perseverance of the trustees, and the assiduity and attention of its tutors, fast attaining to that rank which it has heretofore held among the literary institutions of this state; that large and commodious buildings are erected and now almost completed, in which one hundred students can be accommodated; that as soon as the same is finished, an accession of students is expected, and the seminary to be conducted on the same liberal and extensive scale as formerly. We entertain a confident expectation that this seminary will soon arrive to that eminence as will prove the wisdom of the legislature in fostering, with public aid and bounty, seminaries of education.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Charles Gardiner, of Charles county, praying that he may be allowed a further time for paying a balance due the state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. P. Stuart, Mr. M'Pherson and Mr. Van-Horn, to consider and report thereon.

The bill for the relief of William Sprigg Bowie, of Prince-George's county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Allegany county report, that they have taken the same into their consideration, and are of opinion, that for as much as the prayer of the petitioners, if granted, would be giving Allegany county a preference to all others in the state, and might be productive of many heart-burnings and other inconveniencies in the counties of this state, are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the said petitioners ought not to be granted.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Margaret Razer, of Frederick-town, in Frederick county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.