

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to an act to prohibit the raising of swine and geese in Prince-George's county. ORDERED, That Mr. Hyland, Mr. Dashiell and Mr. Cottman, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying an act may pass for laying off and opening a road from Emmitsburg to the state line, at the expence of the county aforesaid; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Nelson, Mr. Shriver and Mr. Martin, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Thomas Davis has leave of absence for a few days.

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

THE committee of elections and privileges further report, that they have inspected the return of the judges of election for Caroline county, and find that by the said return, John Mitchell is elected, declared and returned, as a member of the house of delegates, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Thomas Mason Esquire.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

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

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Centre-Ville, in Queen-Anne's county, praying an act may pass enlarging the powers of the commissioners of said town, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Lowrey, Mr. Goldsborough and Mr. Thompson, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from James O'Bryen, executor of James O'Bryen, late of Queen-Anne's county, deceased, praying an act may pass giving him further time for the payment of a sum due the state as executor aforesaid, and to authorise the treasurer of the eastern shore to allow him for insolvencies, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Lowrey, Mr. Goldsborough and Mr. Thompson, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Philemon Charles Blake, of Queen-Anne's county, praying an act may pass enabling him to collect, by executions, all sums of money due him as sheriff of the county aforesaid, or that an act of insolvency may pass in his favour, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Lowrey, Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Thompson, to consider and report thereon.

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

Mr. S. Frazier, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to alter and change the name of John Mills, of Anne, of Dorchester county, into the name of Crawford; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Elizabeth Thomas, of Talbot county, counter to the petition of William C. Bordley, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it is counter.

The bill to authorise the trustees, and other members of the German catholic church in the precincts of Baltimore, to raise a sum of money by lottery for finishing said church, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the members of the Taney-town library company, in Frederick county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE joint committee to whom were referred the communications from his excellency the governor, have taken the different subjects therein mentioned under consideration, and report, that it appears expedient that the militia system should be revised, but that the sense of the legislature on this important subject may be obtained when the detail presents itself for their consideration, the committee are of opinion that leave should be given to bring in a bill to regulate the militia of this state. The propriety of placing our military stores in the best situation for public use, and the necessity of remedying any injury our powder may have sustained, must be obvious, but as these are objects, in the opinion of your committee, peculiarly applicable to the executive department, their authority ought to be made commensurate thereto, and that full powers ought to be given to the executive to take such measures for the effectual preservation of the public arms and military accoutrements as well as for remedying any injury the powder may have suffered, as to them may seem most expedient; but as money must be drawn from the treasury for this purpose, a law or resolution ought to originate in the house of delegates.

The interest of this state in the bank stock of England has long engaged the attention of the legislature various acts have passed on the subject, and different means pursued, hitherto ineffectual; the aid of the United States may expedite its recovery, and the executive appears to your committee the regular department to request that aid; they are therefore of opinion, that the governor and council should be authorised and requested to take such measures as to them may appear most advisable to obtain the interference of the executive of the United States for the recovery and transfer of said stock, the transfer to be made according to, and under the provisions of, the act, entitled, An act relative to the stock of the bank of England belonging to the state of Maryland, passed at last session.

It appears from the communications of the governor that a difference of opinion exists between the states of Maryland and Pennsylvania, relative to the navigation of the Susquehanna river, but as that subject is now before