

A petition from Susannah Orr, of Washington county, praying an act may pass to divorce her from her husband, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Quinton, Mr. Dashiell and Mr. Quynn, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of John Gassaway, of Anne-Arundel county, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Young, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the bill for the relief of Nathaniel Talbot, of Caroline county, as amended; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill for the relief of Nathaniel Talbot, of Caroline county, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from Jeremiah Jordon, register of wills for Saint-Mary's county, praying an act may pass authorising the justices of the levy court of said county to levy a sum of money on the assessable property thereof for the purpose of renting a house for the reception of his papers and records, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. R. Neale, Mr. Barber and Mr. W. Neale, to consider and report thereon.

Petitions from Levi Rue, of Dorchester county, and John Houston, of Somerset county, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to appoint Nicholas Carroll, of the city of Annapolis, and Nicholas Brice, of the city of Baltimore, trustees for the sale of certain lands lying in Cæcil county, part of the real estate of James Brice, Esquire, late of the city of Annapolis, deceased; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Anne Whitter, of Charles county, report, that they find from information communicated by the trustees of the poor of said county, there are but three persons provided for out of the poor-house in virtue of the act of assembly passed in seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, which gives to the trustees the power of making provision for ten; they are therefore of opinion that the application of the said petitioner should be made to the trustees of the poor of Charles county; which is submitted.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

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

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Ridgely and Mr. T. Davis be added to the committee to bring in a bill relating to distresses, and the sale of goods taken by distress for rent.

The bill for the relief of Jane Offutt, wife to Mordecai Burgess Offutt, Verliada Beatty, wife to Charles Beatty, Rebecca Offutt, wife to James Offutt, of William, Mary Offutt, wife to James Doull Offutt, Cassandra Wade, wife to William Wade, Charles Offutt Jones, Elizabeth Edmondson, wife to William Edmondson, and Zadock Jones, all of Montgomery county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard Morgan, of Montgomery county, report, that they have had the same under their consideration, and believe the facts therein stated to be true, and that his case may bear extremely hard on him, yet it would be improper for the legislature to interfere therein; they therefore are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought not to be granted.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

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

Mr. R. Neale, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act authorising the levy court of Saint-Mary's county to levy a sum of money for the rent of an office for the register of wills of said county; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill to repeal an act, entitled, An act for the destruction of squirrels in Caroline county, passed November session, eighteen hundred, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of James O'Bryan, executor of James O'Bryan, late of Queen-Anne's county, deceased, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that no injury will probably result to the state, and the representatives of the said James O'Bryan, deceased, will be much benefitted, by a reasonable indulgence in the time of payment of the debt due from him to the state, it may be adviseable to grant so much of the said James O'Bryan's petition as prays for such indulgence; and also in conformity to the lenity that has been usual in the case of securities, to release him from the additional nine per cent. interest, on condition that he makes punctual payment at the expiration of the time that may be allowed him; but, with respect to that part of his petition which prays that the treasurer of the eastern shore may be authorised to make him an allowance for insolvencies and nonresidents, your committee are of opinion that the same ought not to be granted, because the balance due the state has been liquidated by the judgment of a court of record, before the rendition of which it was in the power of the said James O'Bryan to have obtained the allowances now prayed for, if he was in justice entitled thereto; because also, at this remote period of time, after a lapse of ten years from the time Thomas O'Bryan was in office, on whose delinquency the present claim of the state has arisen, it must be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to ascertain, with truth and correctness, the cases of insolvency and nonresidence which then existed; and lastly, because it is manifestly improper to delegate judicial