

T U E S D A Y, December 14, 1802.

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

Mr. Purviance, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to levy on the assessable property of Anne-Arundel county a sum of money for the purposes hereinafter mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Charles Williamson, of Calvert county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to make navigable the river Susquehanna; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill extending the equity jurisdiction of the county courts. ORDERED, That Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Chapman, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution in favour of Thomas Amos, endorsed; "By the senate, December 11, 1802: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, J. B. DUCKETT, clk.
"By the senate, December 14, 1802: Read the second time and assented to.

"By order, J. B. DUCKETT, clk."
The bill for the relief of certain proprietors of houses on Wilk's-street, in that part of the city of Baltimore called Fell's Point, endorsed; "By the senate, December 10, 1802: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, J. B. DUCKETT, clk.
"By the senate, December 13, 1802: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order, J. B. DUCKETT, clk."
Ordered to be engrossed.

And the supplement to an act, entitled, An act to open a road from Hancock-town, in Washington county, by William Tong's mills, to intersect a road leading from Cumberland, in Allegany county, to Sidling hill creek, endorsed; "By the senate, December 8, 1802: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, J. B. DUCKETT, clk.
"By the senate, December 13, 1802: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendment.
"By order, J. B. DUCKETT, clk."

Which amendment was read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Van-Horn, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to declare the effect of judgments upon lands and tenements, and to direct the sheriffs in the service of executions, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, ORDERED, That the report on the petition of James Ray be withdrawn for amendment.

The report on the petition of James Williams and Uriah Forrest was read the second time, and the question put, That the house assent to the resolution therein contained? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Miller, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report, as amended.

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of James Ray, of Anne-Arundel county, report, that they have taken the same under their consideration, and have also taken under their consideration the documents accompanying and referred to in said petition, and a statement of said Ray's case, made by the chancellor, under the impression of being implicated by said Ray's petition, and also said Ray's reply to said statement, and a second communication from the chancellor, which said statement and reply, and communication, your committee submits, with this report, to the consideration of the house. It appears to your committee, that the application of the said Ray to the chancellor for relief, under the provisions of the insolvent act, passed at last session, has been unsuccessful, owing to the pressure of importunate creditors, the objection that the said Ray was an object of the bankrupt system of the United States, and the provision in the insolvent act, requiring that bond, with security, might be taken by the chancellor for his appearance before the chancellor from time to time as he should direct; that in justice to the chancellor, your committee are of opinion, that the proceedings had by him in the case, were grounded on the principle of executing the powers vested in him by the law of last session with a due regard to the unfortunate situation of Mr. Ray, cautious, at the same time, not to incur a censure of arbitrary precipitancy from Mr. Ray's creditors; that with deference to the opinion of the chancellor, as no other application has been made to the chancellor since the decision of the general court on the issues sent by the chancellor on the petition of James B. Clark, and within three months after the petition of Mr. Ray to the chancellor for relief, your committee are therefore of opinion, that the legislature can grant said Ray relief, so as to release him from the custody of the sheriff of Anne-Arundel county; Mr. Ray being in the custody of the marshal of the United States, upon process issued from the federal courts, no provision passed by the state can or ought to operate so as to release him from the custody of said marshal; that the long confinement of Mr. Ray, and the helpless situation of his wife and children, recommend his case as peculiarly the subject of legislative aid; your committee are therefore of opinion, that leave ought to be given to bring in a bill supplementary to the bill of last session, vesting powers in the chancellor forthwith to release him from the custody of the