

A petition from Anne Wright, executrix of Noble Wright, of Dorchester county, praying that certain orders heretofore brought against her, and on which judgments have been obtained, may be reinstated, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Van-Horn, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Wilson, to consider and report thereon.

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

On the second reading of the bill to direct the register of wills for Caroline county to keep his office in Denton, in said county, and there to deposit and keep the records, books and papers, belonging to said office, the question was put, That the house receive the following as an amendment to the said bill? "or such other place as the orphans court of the county aforesaid shall direct." Determined in the negative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the following clause be inserted in the said bill? "Provided nevertheless, and be it enacted, That if the justices of the orphans court shall be of opinion that the duties to be performed by the register will not require his constant attention at his said office, they shall, by an order to be entered amongst their proceedings, direct on what days in the week the said register shall attend for the discharge of public business, any thing contained in this law to the contrary notwithstanding." Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	Angier, Hatcheson, Dorsey, Merriken, Hall,	Moore, Stansbury, Love, Lemmon, Rose,	Nabb, Martin, Williams, Miller, Veazey,	Wood, Van-Horn, Ridgely, Thompson, Hawkins,	Shriver, Kemp, Montgomery, Forwood,	E. Davis, Orrell, Young, Hardcastle,	Purviance, Dickson, Kershner, Smith.
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Messieurs	R. Neale, W. Neale, Frisby, Harwood, Blake,	Grahame, Somervell, Bourne, P. Stuart, Jones,	Chapman, M'Pherson, Lloyd, Dashiell, Cottman,	Hyland, Goldsborough, S. Frazier, Keene, Steele,	Sheredine, Quynn, Quinton, Purnell, Wilson,	Lytte, Mitchell, Tilghman, Swearingen, T. Davis,	Veatch, Bayard, Simkins, Tomlinson, Cresap.
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So it was determined in the negative.

Mr. Miller, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Hedwich Holliday, of Cæcil county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the investment of the unappropriated money in the treasury in certain productive funds; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Love, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower the levy court of Baltimore county to assess a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill relating to the debtors of the state, and for other purposes. ORDERED, That Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Van-Horn, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Goldsborough, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Thompson, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to erect a town in Queen-Anne's county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, ORDERED, That the report on the petition of John Sample be withdrawn.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, obliging the register of wills of Baltimore county to give daily attendance in his office. ORDERED, That Mr. Dickson, Mr. Moore and Mr. Montgomery, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, December 16, 1802.

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

Mr. Dashiell, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act extending the equity jurisdiction of the county courts; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Sterrett, and others, of Cæcil county, report, that whereas it appears that John Sterrett, and others, were possessors of a tract of land in Cæcil county, called The Widow's Lot, within the lines of New Connaught manor, and that as possessors they were entitled to the pre-emption: And whereas, at the time the land was sold, the said Sterrett, and others, had leases on the same, and, by management, a certain James G. Heron became the purchaser, at and for the sum of three pounds two shillings and six-pence per acre; that at the time he purchased it was supposed a clear fee-simple estate was sold.