

hart's, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Yates, Mr. Kershner and Mr. Zeller, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Middletown, in Frederick county, praying an act may pass to alter and straighten the public road at the east and west ends of the said town, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Clarke, Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Shriver, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Catherine Rench, and others, of Washington county, praying an act may pass to straighten and amend the public road that leads from Hagar's town to Nicholson's Gap, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Kershner, Mr. Zeller and Mr. Yates, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Aquila M-Comas, of Harford county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from the trustees of the poor of Queen-Anne's county, praying an act may pass authorising them to sell the property now held for the use of the poor, and to purchase other property in lieu thereof, or that suitable buildings may be erected on the property now held for the use of the said poor, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Lowrey, Mr. Roberts and Mr. Sudler, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Bridge-town, in Kent county, and of Sand town, in Queen-Anne's county, praying an act may pass appointing commissioners to make certain rules and regulations for the said villages, and to prevent swine and geese from going at large therein, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Thomas, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Ireland and Mr. Lowrey, to consider and report thereon.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year, endorsed; "By the senate, November 14, 1803: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk.

"By the senate, November 15, 1803: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of East-Nottingham and South Milford hundreds, Cæcil county, praying that a law may pass for opening a road from the Nottingham road, leading from the brick meeting-house to Elkton and North-East at or near Mr. Oldham's blacksmith and wheelwright shops until it intersects the road leading from the Blue Ball to Elkton and North-East at or near a place known by the name of the Diamond, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion, as the object of the petitioners is to obtain a road to public worship, market or mills, and they have not this privilege without trespassing on each other, that the power is vested in the county court to give redress in such cases, that therefore the legislature ought not to interfere in granting the prayer of the petitioners.

By order,

C. WILLIAMSON, clk.

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

The following message being prepared, was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 15, 1803.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE propose to proceed at twelve o'clock to the election of a council to the governor. Allen Bowie Duckett, Edward Hall, Francis Digges, Samuel Ridout, Reverdy Ghiselin, Davidson David, William Winder, Archibald Dorsey, John Davidson and John Gibson, Esquires, are put in nomination by this house. We have appointed Mr. Clarke and Mr. Carroll to join any gentlemen named by your house to examine the ballots, and report thereon.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

A petition from William M-Grigor, of Worcester county, stating that he purchased considerable property before he was naturalized, and praying a law may pass relinquishing the right of the state to the same, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Purnell, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Sturgis, to consider and report thereon.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 15, 1803.

GENTLEMEN,

WE agree to proceed at the time mentioned in your message to the election of a council to the governor. Mr. Johnson and Mr. M-Culloch are appointed by this house to join the gentlemen mentioned by you in the examination of the ballots. No gentleman is put in nomination by this house in addition to those proposed by you.

By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk.

Which was read.

The house having qualified agreeably to the constitution and form of government, proceeded to the choice of a council to the governor, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after sometime returned and reported, that Allen Bowie Duckett, Francis Digges, Davidson David, Reverdy Ghiselin and Edward Hall, Esquires, had a majority of votes.

Whereupon RESOLVED, That Allen Bowie Duckett, Francis Digges, Davidson David, Reverdy Ghiselin and Edward Hall, Esquires, be, and they are hereby declared to be, the council to the governor.