

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Robert Polk, of Dorchester county, praying an indulgence in the payment of the 3d and 4th instalments of his bond passed to the state of Maryland for the purchase of lot No. 7 of the Choptank Indian lands, report, that in as much as the petitioner has paid the two first instalments of his bond, and it appears that a rigorous and immediate execution of the 3d and 4th instalments would be extremely injurious and distressing to him, and as the debt is well secured, your committee are of opinion that it will be proper to grant the petitioner the reasonable indulgence he has prayed ; they therefore beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

RESOLVED, That Robert Polk, of Dorchester county, be indulged in the payment of the 3d instalment of his bond passed to the state of Maryland for the purchase money of lot No. 7 of the Choptank Indian lands, until the first day of July next, and in the payment of the 4th instalment until the first day of January, 1805, and that after judgment is obtained upon his said bond all further proceedings thereon, to enforce the payment of the 3d and 4th instalments, be suspended until the respective days above mentioned.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

The speaker laid before the house a letter of resignation from Robert Bowie, Esquire, one of the delegates returned for Prince-George's county ; which was read.

John Johnson and Gabriel Christie, Esquires, from the senate, acquaint the speaker that the senate request his attendance, with the members of the house of delegates, in the senate room, to see the governor qualified.

The speaker left the chair, and, attended by the members of this house, went to the senate room, and saw his excellency qualify in the presence of both houses, by subscribing the declaration, taking the several oaths required by the constitution and form of government, and the oath of office directed to be taken by act of assembly, and the oath to support the constitution of the United States.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, November 16, 1803.

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

A petition from the trustees of Rock presbyterian church, in Cæcil county, praying an act may pass authorising them to raise by lottery a sum of money for the purpose of repairing the church aforesaid, and to build a parsonage-house, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Sheredine, Mr. Alexander and Mr. Miller, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Robert Stevens, of Queen-Anne's county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from James Hilton, of Montgomery county, praying an act may pass authorising the recording of a certain deed from Jesse Harris to him, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Swearingen, Mr. Shaaff and Mr. T. Davis, to consider and report thereon.

The bill authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for finishing a house of public worship in Baltimore county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from Mary Pepple, alias Kephart, of Frederick county, praying an act may pass for divorcing her from her husband, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Clarke, Mr. Kershner and Mr. Hyland, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from the pastor and members of the Roman catholic congregation in Frederick-town, praying an act may pass authorising them to raise by lottery a sum of money for the purpose of completing a Roman catholic church in the town aforesaid, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Clarke, Mr. Carroll and Mr. R. Neale, jun. to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Emmitsburgh, in Frederick county, praying an act may pass for laying out a public road from the town aforesaid to meet the road from Gettysburgh, on the Pennsylvania line, at Caldwell's lane, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Shriver, Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Kemp, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Van-Horn, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the encouragement of learning in the several counties of this state therein mentioned ; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel county, praying an act may pass appointing commissioners to lay out a public road, beginning at a landing commonly called Jumper's Hole, on the north side of Severn, by Mary Johnson's, and from thence to a landing, known by the name of Aspaw's Landing, on the east side of a fork of Curtis's creek, called Marley creek, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Harwood, Mr. Mercer and Mr. Dorsey, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore and Anne-Arundel counties, praying an act may pass authorising them to build a permanent toll bridge over that part of the Patapsco river commonly called Patapsco Lower Ferry, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Harwood, Mr. Lemmon and Mr. Dickson, to consider and report thereon.