

A petition from Margaret Dugan, Nancy Mercer and William J. Steples, of Baltimore and Anne-Arundel counties, counter to the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore and Anne-Arundel counties, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it is counter.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the trustees of Charlotte Hall school; which was read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, praying an act may pass to prevent horse-racing within four miles of the said city, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Dickson, Mr. Sheredine, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Dugan and Mr. Lloyd, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. E. Davis, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to lay out a road from Crispin Cunningham's to Francis Smith's stone house, in Harford county; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Emmitsburgh, in Frederick county, praying an act may pass to prevent swine and geese from going at large in the town aforesaid, or the precincts thereof, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Kemp, Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Shriver, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to an act, entitled, An act to prevent excessive gaming. ORDERED, That Mr. Chapman, Mr. Mercer and Mr. Goldsborough, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to an act, entitled, An act relating to the public roads in Queen-Anne's county. ORDERED, That Mr. Thompson, Mr. Sudler and Mr. Roberts, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Lloyd, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Samuel Nicholls, an insolvent debtor of Talbot county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Mary Pepple, of Frederick county, praying that a law may pass divorcing her from her husband, Peter Pepple, report, that they had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that the facts therein stated are not sufficient to authorise the interference of the legislature, and recommend that the said Mary Pepple have leave to withdraw her petition.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

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

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Fell's Point, in the city of Baltimore, praying an act may pass to revive the first and second sections of a supplement to the act, entitled, An act to provide for the administration of justice in cases of crimes and misdemeanors in the city and county of Baltimore, passed November session, 1800, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Dugan, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Wood, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from James Laurence, of Talbot county, stating, that he entered on-board the schooner Dolphin in the year 1776, and continued there sometime, and praying that compensation may be allowed him therefor, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Meluy, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Eleanor Marshall, of Frederick county, praying an act may pass releasing to her the right of the state to ten lots of land lying in Frederick-town, which formerly belonged to James Marshall, deceased, and also to release to the executors of the said Marshall the right of the state to any other real property which the said Marshall died seized of, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Clarke, Mr. Shaaff and Mr. Shriver, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Wood, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower the levy court of Prince-George's county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Shriver, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of defraying the expence of building a house of worship in the town of Emmitsburgh, in Frederick county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Holland, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

T H U R S D A Y, November 17, 1803.

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

A petition from the trustees of the poor of Saint-Mary's county, praying an act may pass authorising them to purchase land for the use of the poor aforesaid, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Hopewell, Mr. R. Neale and Mr. Barber, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from James Boarman, of Charles county, praying a resolution may pass granting him further time for the payment of a balance due from him to the state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. M'Pherson, Mr. Chapman and Mr. Stuart, to consider and report thereon.