

A petition from Truman Hawley, of Kent county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Angier, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Van-Horn, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Thompson and Mr. Ireland have leave of absence for a few days.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 22, 1803.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

THE office of register of wills being vacant in Dorchester county, we propose, with the concurrence of your house, to proceed to an election to supply the vacancy on the twenty-fifth day of November, instant. Messrs. George Ward, Ezekiel Richardson, John E. Gist, Samuel Brown, Howes Goldsborough, John Murray, John Craig, James B. Sullivane, William W. Eccleston, John Cropper and Daniel M'Donnell, are put in nomination by this house.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

A petition from Richard Mercier, of Baltimore county, praying an act may pass for opening a road through a small piece of land from one of his plantations to the other, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Brown, Mr. Lemmon and Mr. Van-Horn, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Worcester county, praying an act may pass authorising them to stop the bay at a place called The Haw-Hammocks to the beach, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Purnell, Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Goldsborough and Mr. Bayly, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, counter to the petition of sundry inhabitants from the county aforesaid relative to the streightening a road through Middletown, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it is counter.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the report of the trustees of Washington academy, in Somerset county, beg leave to state, that they have examined the said report, and find that the academy is in a promising condition; that the trustees thereof have been vigilant and attentive; that the tutors are virtuous, moral men, and highly qualified to discharge the duties of their respective appointments; that your committee are of opinion, that Washington academy hath been extremely useful, not only to the county in which it is placed, but to many other counties of this state; that from the melancholy catastrophe of having the house burnt, they have been obliged to throw themselves on the legislature for their benevolent assistance; and your committee being of opinion that assistance ought to be afforded by the legislature to enable them to finish their new building, beg leave to submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby directed to loan to the trustees of the Washington academy, any sum not exceeding — dollars, the said trustees having first given such security as the treasurer shall approve, or a lien on the property of the said academy, for the repayment of the said sum, and legal interest thereon, provided no demand shall be made before the year eighteen hundred and six.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill concerning fugitives from justice, and of persons bound to labour absconding from their masters, and for other purposes. ORDERED, That Mr. Thomas, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Van-Horn, Mr. Dickson and Mr. Bayly, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill for opening and establishing a road in Baltimore county therein mentioned, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

A memorial from Thomas Worthington, of Baltimore county, counter to the petition of Richard Mercier, of said county, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it is counter.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill requiring the register of wills of Dorchester county to keep his office in the town of Cambridge, and to give daily attendance at his office. ORDERED, That Mr. Bayly, Mr. Frazier and Mr. Goldsborough, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to compel the registers of wills in the several counties therein mentioned to keep each his office at the seat of justice in the county for which he shall be register. ORDERED, That Mr. Chapman, Mr. Bayly, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Shaaff and Mr. Goldsborough, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Miller, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the levy court of Cecil county to lay out and open a road in said county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to declare a part of the old road leading from the mouth of Monocacy to George-town, in Montgomery county, a public highway, was read the second time, and passed.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following resolution:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 22, 1803.

RESOLVED, That in the election of a register of wills for Dorchester county, the person having a majority of the votes of all the attending members of both houses of the legislature, be recommended to the governor to be commissioned as register of wills for said county.

By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.