

The bill authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money to purchase a fire-engine and to erect pumps in the town of Easton, in Talbot county, was read the second time and passed.

A petition from James Williams, of the city of Annapolis, stating that he purchased, in conjunction with Uriah Forrest, from the agent of the state of Maryland, a certain tract of land which the state cannot now make them a title to, and praying that the treasurer of the western shore may be directed to give up the bonds given for the purchase money aforesaid, and also to return him the money which he paid therefor, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Shaaff, Mr. Muir and Mr. Van-Horn, to consider and report thereon.

The bill for the benefit of Edward Montgomery, of Allegany county, was read the second time and passed.

A petition from Hugh M'Coy, and others, of Cecil county, stating that they are not permitted to cross the canal to get to their lands, and praying relief, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Sheredine, Mr. Miller, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Alexander and Mr. Shaaff, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from the trustees of Charlotte-Hall school, praying a supplement may pass to the act granting them permission for a lottery for the disposal of some of the lots in the town of Charlotte's-Ville, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Jones, Mr. Chapman, Mr. M'Pherson, Mr. Van-Horn and Mr. Stuart, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel and Prince-George's counties, praying an act may pass for opening a road, beginning at a large white oak tree standing on the south side of the main road leading from Annapolis round the head of the river Severn to the city of Baltimore, and at the lower end of Richard Dorsey's plantation, or lane, next adjoining to a farm of Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and running from thence through by Jacob Waters's mill, and to the fording place of the main branch of Patuxent river, known by the name of Ashton's Ford, and from thence to Bladensburgh, in Prince-George's county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Van-Horn, Mr. Shaaff, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Hall and Mr. Wood, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Edward Norwood, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find that the facts relating to the cause mentioned in the petition are as follow: That an action of ejectment was formerly depending in the general court for the western shore, brought by Charles Ridgely and wife's lessee against Edward Norwood, wherein a judgment was obtained in favour of the lessors of the plaintiff, which judgment the defendant, Edward Norwood, removed by writ of error to the court of appeals, and the writ of error continued until June term, 1803, when the cause could continue no longer without the consent of parties; that it appears by the representation of the counsel for the appellees, that they refused to continue the cause, and that it was, at the said June term, agreed to be submitted on notes to be filed; that the counsel for the appellees, Ridgely and wife, on the 18th day of June, 1803, filed his notes in court, during the sitting of the court, but that the counsel for the appellant, Edward Norwood, did not file any notes on his part, and that the court, on the same 18th day of June, 1803, adjourned to the court in course, without deciding the cause; they further report, that on the 25th day of November, instant, three judges of the court of appeals, to wit, Benjamin Mackall, Richard Potts and Littleton Dennis, Esquires, made a representation in writing, directed to Mr. Mason, the counsel for Edward Norwood, which has been laid before the committee, wherein it is stated, that it was not their expectation that they were to receive the notes here at Annapolis, and to continue sitting until judgment should be given in that cause, but that it was expected that the notes would be filed, and copies furnished to them, and that they should decide on the cause at the present November term, and that under this impression and expectation, the court did not appoint an adjourned court, but considering their docket as closed, adjourned to the court in course; that the aforesaid Charles Ridgely and wife, on the 25th day of November, instant, issued out of the general court a writ of possession, to obtain the possession of the land for which the ejectment was brought, and also an execution for the costs of suit, a certificate of which has been furnished us from the clerk of the general court, which execution, we are informed, has been forwarded to the sheriff. All which, together with the documents furnished us by the parties, we submit to the house.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to authorise the court of appeals to reinstate the cause therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Clarke, Mr. Harwood and Mr. Dashiell, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, November 28, 1803.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Rose, Mr. Swearingen and Mr. Van-Horn. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Grahame, Mr. Holland, Mr. Gantt, Mr. Forwood and Mr. Roberts, appeared in the house.

The bill for the benefit of Edward Montgomery, of Allegany county, the supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the relief of Hugh Ferguson, of Kent county, and the bill authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money