

prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house. Mr. Kemp has leave of absence.

The bill for the benefit of John Carrere, of the city of Baltimore, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Lemmon, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the levy court of Baltimore county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Petitions from Samuel Bayly, of Washington county, John Gordon, Samuel H. Gatchell and Raymond Dumas, of the city of Baltimore, and James Bond, of Baltimore county, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

The amendments to the bill to lay out a road from Crispin Cunningham's to Francis Smith's stone-house in Harford county, was read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Bale Randall, of Baltimore county, on behalf of himself and others, praying that a day may be appointed by this house to be heard at the bar by counsel, to annul and make void the proceedings of the commissioners on the road to be laid out from Gravel hill to Randall's-town in said county, report, that they are of opinion the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable, and ought to be granted; they therefore recommend the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That this house will, on the thirteenth day of December, instant, hear counsel at the bar of this house in support of the said petition, and that subpoenas be issued for such witnesses as the parties may respectively require.

By order,

D. C. HOPPER, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the city and county of Baltimore, praying an act may pass establishing a college for the education of youth in the city aforesaid, or the precincts thereof, and appointing trustees for the said college, and authorising the trustees to be appointed as aforesaid to raise by lottery the sum of thirty thousand dollars, and to receive certain donations, for the purpose of erecting the necessary buildings for the said college, and that the private institution which is now conducted in the city aforesaid by James Priestley may be continued until the college buildings are erected, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Dickson, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Van-Horn, Mr. Sudler, Mr. Lowrey, Mr. Dugan and Mr. Cottman, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Samuel Norwood, of Baltimore county, praying an act may pass authorising him to build a toll-bridge over the river Patapsco on the road leading from Baltimore to the Federal city, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Van-Horn, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Brown, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Calvert, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from James Lytle, John Monks, and others, of Harford county, stating, that they are about building a college or seminary of learning in the town of Abingdon, in the county aforesaid, and praying that a law may pass for enabling them to carry their laudable purposes into speedy effect, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Forwood, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. E. Davis, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying an act may pass appointing commissioners to lay out the road running by Benjamin Routsawn's so as to intersect the road leading from Hagar's-town to Middle-town at the county line, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Kershner and Mr. Clarke, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in an additional supplementary act to an act, entitled, An act for the relief of creditors, and to prevent frauds and deceits occasioned by secret sales, mortgages and gifts, of goods and chattels. ORDERED, That Mr. Bayly, Mr. Van-Horn and Mr. Mercer, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, agreeably to the order of the day, and after sometime progressing therein, the question was put, That the said bill be recommitted for amendment? Determined in the negative.

On motion, ORDERED, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.

A petition from sundry quakers, inhabitants of Cæcil county, stating, that they are not permitted to serve on juries, and praying relief, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed to bring in a supplement to the act directing sheriffs and coroners in the return of juries.

The order of the day is postponed till Monday next.

The bill to pay the civil list, and other expences of civil government, was read the second time and passed.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 3, 1803.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

BELIEVING it would greatly promote the interest of the state to close the session of the legislature as soon as the business of the public will admit, and having nearly finished all the business before us, we propose, with the concurrence of your house, to close the session on the 15th instant.

By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk.

Which was read.