

And a bill, entitled, An act to prevent slaves hiring themselves or acting as free, and to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, November 30, 1803: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk.

"By the senate, December 3, 1803: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk."

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

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, December 5, 1803.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Kemp. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Ireland, Mr. T. Davis and Mr. Goldsborough, appeared in the house.

The bill for the benefit of John Carrere, of the city of Baltimore, and the bill to pay the civil list, and other expences of civil government, were sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill authorising the levy court of Washington county to alter and change the direction of certain roads therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Petitions from John Coulter, of Baltimore county, John Fisher and Warren Lyle Nicoll, senior, of the city of Baltimore, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, counter to the petition of sundry inhabitants of the state respecting turnpike roads, was preferred and read.

A petition from Abel Hill, one of the late collectors of Anne-Arundel county, praying an act may pass giving him further time to complete his collections, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Harwood, Mr. Hall and Mr. Van-Horn, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Elijah Sturgis, of Worcester county, praying compensation may be allowed him for his services during the revolutionary war as pilot on board the barge Protector, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Wilson, Mr. Williams and Mr. Cottman, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Worcester county, stating, that a certain Thomas Foskey hath four children, who are idiots and blind, and praying an act may pass authorising the levy court of said county to assess and levy annually on the assessable property of said county a sum of money for the support of the said children out of the poor-house, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Purnell, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Sturgis, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying an act may pass authorising the levying of a sum of money on said county for the purpose of building a new gaol in said county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Clarke, Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Shriver, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from John Redman, of Montgomery county, praying a sum of money may be returned to him which he heretofore paid to the clerk of the county aforesaid on account of a forfeited recognizance, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. T. Davis, Mr. Bayly and Mr. Linthicum, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying an act may pass authorising them to raise by lottery a sum of money for the purpose of finishing a house of worship at Woodsberry, in the county aforesaid, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Clarke, Mr. Shriver and Mr. Montgomery, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Lowrey, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to repeal such parts of an act, entitled, An act for the draining of a marsh and branch known by the name of the Long Marsh, lying in Queen-Anne's and Caroline counties, and the several supplements thereto, as relate to the unimproved parts of the said long marsh and branch; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to repeal an act, entitled, An act to restrain the ill practices used by sheriffs in taking goods by fieri facias and selling them by venditioni-exponas. ORDERED, That Mr. Bayly, Mr. Mercer and Mr. Montgomery, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Dickson, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act authorising James Wilson, late sheriff and collector of Baltimore county, to complete his collection; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to repeal the third section of an act, entitled, An act to make public the proceedings of the levy courts in the several counties of this state, and to repeal part of an act of assembly therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Thomas, Mr. Shriver and Mr. Lowrey, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from the proprietors of the addition to the town of Havre-de-Grace, in Harford county, praying that certain parts of an act for making an addition to the town of Havre-de-Grace and to improve the navigation of the river Susquehanna, and for other purposes, may be repealed, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Montgomery, Mr. E. Davis and Mr. Forwood, to consider and report thereon.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, and, on motion, the question was put, That the following be received as an amendment to the said bill?