

to wit: "provided, that no slave or slaves for a term of years shall be subject to the above valuation, but the assessor or assessors shall value them in proportion to the time they have to serve, having reference always to the value of such slave for life." Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the said bill be recommitted for amendment? Determined in the negative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Bayly, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to restrain the ill practices used by sheriffs in taking goods by fieri facias and selling them by venditioni exponas; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Chapman has leave of absence for a few days.

The report on the petition of James Williams was read the second time, and the question put, That the house assent to the resolution therein contained? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

T U E S D A Y, December 6, 1803.

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

The bill to authorise the levy court of Baltimore county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the encouragement of the destruction of crows in the several counties therein mentioned. **ORDERED**, That Mr. Hatcheson, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Hall, Mr. Lemmon and Mr. Hopewell, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Margaret Hammond and Harriet Hammond, of the city of Baltimore, stating that they are the owners of Hammond's ferry, situate on Patapsco river, and praying that they may be authorised by law to build a floating bridge over the aforesaid ferry, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Dugan, Mr. Muir and Mr. Dickson, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Taney-town, in Frederick county, praying an act may pass authorising them to raise by lottery the sum of five hundred dollars, for the purpose of finishing a public well, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Clarke, Mr. Shriver and Mr. Hawkins, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from William Cox, of Anne-Arundel county, stating that he got wounded in the revolutionary war, and praying that a pension may be allowed him, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Harwood, Mr. Stuart and Mr. Hall, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Taney-town, in Frederick county, praying a law may pass to prevent swine and geese from going at large in the said town, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Clarke, Mr. Shriver and Mr. Hawkins, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Richard Morgan, of Montgomery county, praying to be released from certain fines and costs incurred by selling spirituous liquors without licence, or that an act of insolvency may pass in his favour, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Swearingen, Mr. T. Davis and Mr. Harwood, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Christopher Hyatt, of Prince-George's county, praying a law may pass giving the chancellor power to direct the claims of Philip Green and Jacob Green, orphans of Elisha Green, against the estate of Jacob Green, deceased, to be released and given up, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Van-Horn, Mr. Clarke and Mr. Calvert, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Wilson, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Kitturah Milbourne, and the heir of Thomas Milbourne, of Worcester county; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Redman, of Montgomery county, praying to be released from a forfeited recognizance, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and have examined the several papers and documents accompanying it, and are of opinion that the subject matter of said petition properly belongs to the executive department, and that the legislature ought not to interfere therewith.

By order,

W. BOWERS, clk.

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

A memorial and remonstrance from Addison Conoway, of Prince-George's county, counter to the petition of Christopher Hyatt, of the county aforesaid, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it is counter.

Mr. Clarke, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to prevent swine and geese going at large in Taney-town, in Frederick county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill for making navigable the river Susquehanna, was read the second time agreeably to the order of the day, and the question was put, That the further consideration thereof be postponed till to-morrow? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow: