

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER SESSION, 1803.

F R I D A Y, December 16, 1803.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Lytle. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill for the benefit of the congregation of the German or High Dutch reformed christian church in Frederick-town, in Frederick county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Swearingen, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Richard Morgan, of Montgomery county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the auditor-general relative to the claim of Robert Amos; which was read and referred to the committee appointed on the former report of the auditor on the same subject, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from George Maxwell, of Baltimore county, counter to the petition of John Maxwell, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it is counter.

A petition from John Smith Brookes, of Prince-George's county, praying a resolution may pass granting him a further indulgence for the payment of a balance due from him to the state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Calvert, Mr. Lyles and Mr. Van-Horn, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John M-Comas, of Harford county, report, that they have taken the same under their consideration, and find that the damages sustained by the individuals over whose land the road from Baltimore to Havre-de-Grace has been streightened, are to be paid out of the first mopies that will be received from tolls imposed on bridges to be built over the Great and Little falls of Gunpowder and Winter's Run; that to build said bridges, it is provided by law, that the persons who will become concerned therein shall have the benefit of the tolls only until they are reimbursed their principal, with fifteen per centum thereon. Your committee are of opinion, that if the said tolls were given in perpetuity, that individuals would engage in constructing said bridges, and a fund be thereby established, which was originally intended to compensate the petitioner, and others similarly situated, besides, it would be a great public convenience to have said bridges built and completed, as the post-road intersects the waters where they are contemplated to be erected; your committee are therefore farther of opinion, that leave ought to be given to bring in a bill to be entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company for building bridges over the Great Falls and the Little Falls of Gunpowder, in Baltimore county, and Winter's Run, in Harford county, with a view of making said tolls perpetual.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Samuel Wright, of Queen-Anne's county, praying an act may pass to repeal all such parts of the law, and the several supplements thereto, for draining the unimproved parts of a marsh and branch, known by the name of the Long Marsh, lying in Queen-Anne's and Caroline counties, as compel him to pay any part of the cost for ditching, draining or surveying, the said marsh and branch, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Lowrey, Mr. Roberts and Mr. Young, to consider and report thereon.

A memorial from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, praying that an act may pass authorising the inspectors appointed under the law of the corporation for the city aforesaid to extend their several inspections to the western precincts of the said city, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Dickson, Mr. Bayly, Mr. Brown, Mr. Clarke and Mr. Van-Horn, to consider and report thereon.

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

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill respecting special courts of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery.

ORDERED, That Mr. Van-Horn, Mr. Chapman and Mr. Wilson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Joel M. Munson and Anne Munson, of the city of Baltimore, guardians to the children of Matthew Swan, deceased, stating, that at November session, 1801, an act passed at the instance of John M-Clellan and John M-Keene, to widen Ten Feet lane, in the city aforesaid, and that nearly one half of a lot belonging to the aforesaid children was condemned for that purpose, and praying that so much of the said law as relates to the lot aforesaid may be repealed, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Dugan, Mr. Dickson and Mr. Ridgely, to consider and report thereon.

Petitions from Charles Gully, of Talbot county, John Payen Boisneuf, of Frederick county, Benjamin S. Smoot, of Charles county, and John Hyland, of Harford county, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from Benjamin Ferguson, of Cecil county, praying to be divorced from his wife, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Veazey, Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Dashiell, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Charles Gardiner, of Charles county, praying a resolution may pass granting him a further indulgence for the payment of a balance due from him to the state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Stuart, Mr. M-Pherson and Mr. Chapman, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Mary Elliott, of Anne-Arundel county, praying an act may pass authorising the levy court of the said county to levy on the assessable property thereof a sum of money for her support, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Harwood, Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Hall, to consider and report thereon.