

Mr. Ridgely, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the levy court of Baltimore county to adjust a claim of Henry Stevenson against said county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Abraham Jarrett, register of wills for Harford county, stating that the records in said office are in a very imperfect state, and praying an act may pass authorising him to make out new records at the expense of said county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Montgomery, Mr. E. Davis and Mr. Forwood, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Dugan, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act respecting Ten Feet lane, in the city of Baltimore; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition and remonstrance from Lancelot Green, and others, counter to the petition of Christopher Hyatt, of Prince-George's county, relative to the claim of Philip and Jacob Green against the estate of Jacob Green, deceased, was preferred and read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the town of Oxford, in Talbot county, stating that a space of ground of sixteen perches wide, between lots No. 72 and No. 73, was assigned and laid out for public buildings in said town, and that they are deprived of the use of said ground by Edward Bromwell, he having placed a fence from the said lot No. 72 to No. 73, whereby he encloses the said ground, and praying relief, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Meluy and Mr. Roberts, to consider and report thereon.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the house took into consideration the bill to provide for the trial of facts in the several counties of this state, and to alter, change and abolish, all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the general court and court of appeals, and the bill being read throughout, ORDERED, That the further consideration thereof be postponed till to-morrow.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, December 21, 1803.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Carcaud and Mr. Rose appeared in the house.

A petition from Mary Black, and others, widow and heirs of James Black, late of New-Castle county, in the state of Delaware, deceased, stating, that the said James Black died seized and possessed of a considerable real estate, lying in the state of Maryland and in the state aforesaid, and that the said James Black executed a writing, purporting to be a disposition of his real estate, which said writing was not signed by him in the presence of witnesses, in which writing he directed his real estate to be divided equally among his children, and appointed persons for the purpose of dividing the same, which persons have since made division of the said lands lying in the state of Maryland, and praying an act may pass for confirming the aforesaid division, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Sheredine, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Alexander, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Abraham Underwood, of Baltimore county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

The bill appointing commissioners to lay out the divisional road between Somerset and Worcester counties, from the mills formerly called John Caldwell's Mills to Cox's branch, was read the second time and passed.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the house resumed the consideration of the bill to provide for the trial of facts in the several counties of this state, and to alter, change and abolish, all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the general court and court of appeals, and after sometime spent in debate thereon, the question was put, That the said bill do pass with the proposed amendments? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.								
Messieurs	Angier,	Rose,	Van-Horn,	Sudler,	Purnell,	Montgomery,	Rich,	Kershner,		
	Hatcheson,	Veazey,	Liles,	Lowrey,	Hawkins,	Forwood,	Pearce,	Zeller,		
	Thomas,	Miller,	Thompson,	Sturgis,	Shriver,	E. Davis,	Dickson,	Smith,		
	Lennon,	Sheredine,	Roberts,	Williams,	Clarke,	Lytle,	Dugan,	Yates.	34	
	Brown,	Alexander,								
		N E G A T I V E.								
Messieurs	Barber,	Harwood,	Stuart,	Lloyd,	Hyland,	Calvert,	Swearingen,	Bayard,		
	R. Neale,	Hall,	Jones,	Meluy,	Goldsborough,	Shaaff,	T. Davis,	Tomlinson,		
	W. Neale,	Dorsey,	Chapman,	Dashiell,	Frazier,	Muir,	Vcatch,	Cresap,		
	Hopewell,	Grabame,	M'Pherson,	Carroll,	Keene,	Wilson,	Linthicum,	Simkins.	38	
	Mercer,	Carcaud,	Ridgely,	Cottman,	Bayly,	Yeung,				

So it was determined in the negative.

Amendments proposed. 1. In the fourth line of the second page, after the word "exercise" insert the words "and in the manner which shall hereafter be prescribed by law." 2. In the sixth line of the same page, after the word "appoint" insert the words "and the salaries of the said judges shall not be diminished during their continuance in office." 3. At the end of the second section insert the following words, to wit: "and provided also, that such farther remedy may be provided by law in the premises as the legislature shall from time to time