

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying an act may pass appointing commissioners to lay out a road from John Overmyer's, at the foot of the South Mountain in Charlton's Gap, in the county aforesaid, and running in a direction towards Greencastle, in Franklin county, in the state of Pennsylvania; until it comes to the state line, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Kershner, Mr. Yates and Mr. Smith, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Elizabeth Randal, of Montgomery county, stating, that she is in the eighty-second year of her age, and is reduced to penury and want, and praying relief, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Linthicum, Mr. Veatch and Mr. T. Davis, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Thomas Nicholls, of Simon, of Montgomery county, stating, that he became the purchaser of a parcel of land lying in the county aforesaid, which was sold for the use of the state, and that he has been at a considerable expence in having the same surveyed, and praying that he may be allowed for said expence, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Linthicum, Mr. Veatch and Mr. Swearingen, to consider and report thereon.

The bill enabling the inhabitants of Worcester county to stop Sinepuxent bay at or between the Haw Hammocks and the Thoroughfare, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to appoint commissioners to examine, survey and lay out, the road therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from Denwood Hicks, of Dorchester county, praying a further indulgence may be given him for the payment of a balance due from him to the state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Bayly and Mr. Frazier, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Elizabeth Barrow, widow and administratrix of William Barrow, late of Dorchester county, deceased, stating that there is a balance due from her to the state as administratrix of said William Barrow, and praying a further indulgence may be given her for the payment of said balance, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Keene and Mr. Dashiell, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Pearce has leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Dugan, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A further additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to provide for the administration of justice in cases of crimes and misdemeanors in the city and county of Baltimore; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dugan, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A further additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the opening of Second-street in the city of Baltimore; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the trustees of Saint-John's college; which was read.

A petition from Sophia Duckett and Isaac Duckett, of Prince-George's, and Thomas Buchanan, of the city of Annapolis, stating, that doctor Richard Jacob Duckett, late of Prince-George's county, died possessed of about four acres of land adjoining Queen-Anne, in the county aforesaid, and that he left four infant children, and praying that the land aforesaid may be sold for the benefit of said children, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Shaaff, Mr. Goldsborough and Mr. Barber, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Lemmon, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act authorising a lottery for raising a sum of money for the purchasing ground and building a market-house thereon in the western precincts of the city of Baltimore; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Shaaff, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the improvement of the streets of the city of Annapolis, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to reform the penal laws of this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That the said bill have a second reading on Monday next.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to ascertain the allowance to jurymen and witnesses of the general court, and the several county and orphans courts in this state.

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

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, counter to the petition of James Doaley, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it is counter.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, counter to the petition of Aquila M'Comas, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it is counter.

A petition from Elizabeth Oden, of Montgomery county, stating that she is a very poor woman with several small children, and has been much afflicted with sickness, so that she is entirely deprived of getting a livelihood by labour, and praying relief, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Swearingen, Mr. T. Davis and Mr. Linthicum, to consider and report thereon.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill, entitled, An act to ratify an amendment to the constitution of the United States of America, proposed by congress to the legislatures of the several states, endorsed; "By the senate, December 20, 1803: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk.