VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November Session, 1803.

The further additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the opening of Second street in the city of Baltimore, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill to authorise the extending of chains across certain streets in the city of Baltimore during the hours of Divine worship on the Sabbath day, was read the second time, and, on motion, the question was put, That

the said bill be withdrawn for amendment? Resolved in the affirmative.

On the second reading of the further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to ascertain the allowance of jurymen and witnesses of the general court, and the several county and orphans courts in this state, the question was put, That the following words be stricken out of the said bill? to wit: "where such juryman shall reside more than six miles distant from the place at which such courts shall or may be held." Resolved in the affirmative.

On further progression in reading the said hill, the question was put, That the further consideration thereof

be postponed till the next session of assembly? Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the improvement of the streets of the city of Annapolis, and for other purposes, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Ferguson, of Cæcil county, praying to be divorced from his wife Ruth Ferguson, take leave to report, that they have examined the same, with the vouchers attending thereon, and find, from the evidence laid before them, that the said Ruth Ferguson has given many instances of infidelity to her said husband, but there having been no conviction of the said Ruth Ferguson for the crimes charged on her, submit to the legislature the propriety of granting the prayer of said petition; therefore,

RESOLVED, That leave be given to bring in a bill to divorce the said Benjamin Ferguson from the said Ruth

Ferguson.

By order,

D. C. HOPPER, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, the resolution therein contained assented to, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That the committee appointed on the said petition, except Mr. Ridgely, prepare and bring in the same, and that Mr. Bayly be added to the said committee.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Smith, of Prince-George's county, report, that they have taken the same under consideration, and are of opinion a law ought to pass empowering the chancellor to appoint a commissioner for the purpose of selling the land, as prayed or by the petitioner, and to take sufficient security from the said commissioner for the proper application of the money arising thereon.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from William Singleton and George Johnston, of Cæcil county, stating, that they purchased from the late intendant a tract of land, for which they gave their bond, and that they conceive the state have no title to said land, and that suits have been commenced, and judgment obtained against them, on said bond, and praying relief, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Alexander, Mr. Sheredine and Mr. Miller, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Dashiell, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the

act, entitled, An act to regulate elections; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill empowering the chancellor to direct a sale of the real estate of Richard Jacob Duckett, late of Prince-George's county, deceased, for the purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Dugan, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the bill to authorise the extending of chains across certain streets in the city of Baltimore during the hours of Divine worship on the Sabbath day, as amended;

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

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill respecting taxes on judicial proceedings, and on the proceedings in the land-office, and for other purposes. ORDERED, That Mr. Shaaff, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Bayly, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Dashiell, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The supplement to an act to authorise a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of finishing the Roman catholic church in Frederick-town, in Frederick county, was read the second time by especial order, passed,

and sent to the senate by the clerk.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Rinaldo Johnson and Elisha Berry, securities of Thomas Williams, former collector of the taxes for Prince-George's county, report, that they have examined into the facts set forth in the said petition, and find, that a fieri facias issued against the said Rinaldo Johnson and Elisha Berry, returnable to October term, 1790, for £.15,819 0 8; that the said fieri facias was actually laid to amount of £.14,535 5 0, as appears by an extract from the general court office, and the account of Edward Lloyd Wailes, the then sheriff of Prince-George's county. Your committee find, by a resolution of November session, 1790, the chancellor was authorised to adjust; or cause to be adjusted, all claims that the securities of Thomas Williams, late collector of the taxes in Prince-George's county, have against the state, and