

them, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Stephen, Mr. Parnham and Mr. Ellicott, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Lloyd appeared in the house.

A petition from John Norris, of John, of Harford county, praying that the chancellor may be authorised and directed to issue a patent to him for a tract of land called M'Cormick's Frolick, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Bond, Mr. Shaaff and Mr. Ayres, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to the act to establish and regulate a market at Bridge-town, in Kent county, and for other purposes therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Thomas, Mr. Scott, Mr. Hatcheson, Mr. Lowrey and Mr. Moore, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Chapman and Mr. Parnham be added to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a further supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned.

Mr. Luke W. Barber, a delegate returned for Saint-Mary's county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking an oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of improving the navigation of Corsica creek, in Queen-Anne's county. ORDERED, That Mr. Lowrey, Mr. Blake and Mr. Tillotson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Jacob Schnebely, late sheriff and collector of Washington county, praying that an act may pass allowing him further time to complete his collection, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ringgold, Mr. Clagett and Mr. Yates, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to establish a bank, and incorporate a company under the name of The Farmers Bank of Maryland, and for other purposes. ORDERED, That Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Meluy, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Muir, Mr. R. Mackall and Mr. Tillotson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Norris, of John, of Harford county, report, that they have taken the same under consideration, and are of opinion that the petitioner is entitled to the interposition of the legislature; the committee therefore submit the following resolution:

Whereas it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of John Norris, of John, of Harford county, that David M'Cray heretofore purchased from Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, the then intendant of the revenue, a parcel of land lying in the reserves of Harford county; that the said David M'Cray afterwards assigned his interest in the said purchase to James Rampley, who also assigned his interest therein to George M'Cormick; that the said George M'Cormick, being so entitled to the said land, and being in possession of the said assignments, put them into the hands of David Clark, the surveyor of Harford county, with instructions to make a survey of the said land; that the said David Clark did accordingly make a survey in the name of the said George M'Cormick, and made out a certificate thereof, wherein the land is called M'Cormick's Frolick, containing ninety-five acres and three quarters of an acre of land, which said certificate is dated the 30th day of March, 1787, and was returned to the land-office on the 26th day of June, 1788, and is now there remaining; that the said George M'Cormick, on the 26th day of March, 1804, assigned the said certificate to the petitioner; that the said David Clark lost the said two assignments, the one from the said David M'Cray to James Rampley, and the other from James Rampley to George M'Cormick, and that on application for a patent, the chancellor, as judge of the land office, was of opinion, that in the land-office there was no remedy in such case, and that a patent could not legally issue without the actual production of the said two assignments: And whereas the petitioner hath prayed such relief as the legislature shall think proper; therefore RESOLVED, That the chancellor, on the application of John Norris, of John, of Harford county, to be made to him as judge of the land-office, be authorised to inquire into the circumstances relating to the above recited certificate called M'Cormick's Frolick, and if the chancellor shall be of opinion, from the evidence offered to him, that the said David M'Cray did assign to James Rampley his interest in the land so as aforesaid stated to be purchased from the intendant, and that the said James Rampley did also assign to George M'Cormick his interest in the said land, then it shall and may be lawful for the chancellor to order a patent to the said John Norris, of John, on the certificate aforesaid, upon his complying with all other rules and requisites of the land-office, in the same manner as if the said John Norris, of John, had actually produced and proved said two assignments.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Ringgold, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act authorising Jacob Schnebely, late sheriff and collector of Washington county, to complete his collection; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Petitions from William Stephens, of Talbot county, and Jonathan Bready, of Queen-Anne's county, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

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