

A petition from Isaac Williams, of Dorchester county, stating that he was a soldier in the American revolution, and praying the state to grant him a lot of land equal to what has been granted to other soldiers, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. J. Bayly, Mr. Chapman and Mr. Goldsborough, to consider and report thereon.

Petitions from Washington Johnson, Christopher Randall and Thomas Brown, of Baltimore county, Thomas Cantwell, Joseph Myers, Andrew Jacob Von Hemesson, Thomas Cave and Francis W. Bolgiano, of the city of Baltimore, Thomas Nicholls, of John, and John Dells, of Montgomery county, James Barnes, of Talbot county, and Joseph Marriott, junior, of Anne-Arundel county, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from Joyce Insley, of Dorchester county, stating that she had a base-born son called George Slacum Insley, and that George Slacum, late of Dorchester county, by his last will and testament, did bequeath to the said George Slacum Insley several negroes, and that since the bequest aforesaid the said George Slacum Insley entered on board of one of the vessels belonging to the United States, and that it is supposed he is dead without issue, and praying the legislature to vest in her the right of the state or schools to the said negroes, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. J. Bayly, Mr. S. Frazier and Mr. Scott, to consider and report thereon.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the trustees of Washington academy, in Somerset county, giving an account of the present state of said academy; which was read.

A petition from Littleton and Ephraim Furniss, of Worcester county, praying that an act may pass to establish the present running of the county road through New-town, in said county, as the county road, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Prideaux, Mr. J. Bayly and Mr. Sturgis, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from the vestry of Stepney parish, in Somerset county, praying that an act may pass to enable them to dispose of all the ground being without the church-yard of one of the places of worship in said parish, and lying in Salisbury, in the county aforesaid, for the purpose of repairing the several places of worship in the said parish, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Cottman, Mr. T. Bayly and Mr. Hyland, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to lay out and open a road through Frederick and Montgomery counties, the bill for the relief of John D. Coffee, of Montgomery county, and the additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act respecting the settlers on the reserved lands westward of Fort Cumberland, were sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the relief of James Gantt, an insolvent debtor of Prince-George's county, endorsed; "By the senate, November 21, 1804: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

T. W. HALL, clk.

"By the senate, November 23, 1804: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

T. W. HALL, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

A petition from Isaac Atlee, of Frederick county, praying that an act may pass to prevent swine from going at large in the town of New-Windsor, in said county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Clarke, Mr. Cockey and Mr. Hawkins, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property within this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Somervell, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Covington, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from William Ennalls, of Dorchester county, praying that further time may be allowed him for the payment of the balance of a debt due from him to the state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. J. Bayly, Mr. S. Frazier and Mr. Sturgis, to consider and report thereon.

The clerk of the senate delivers a letter from Samuel Tyler, addressed to the governor, resigning the office of register of wills for Prince-George's county, endorsed; "By the senate, November 23, 1804: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

T. W. HALL, clk."

Which was read.

The following message was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 23, 1804.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

THE office of register of wills in Prince-George's county being vacant, we propose, with the concurrence of your house, to proceed immediately to an election to supply the vacancy. Mr. Trueman Tyler is put in nomination by this house. We have nominated Mr. Clarke and Mr. Linthicum, on the part of this house, to join such gentlemen as may be appointed by your house for the purpose of counting the ballots.

By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk.

Mr. Thomas, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to establish and regulate a market at Bridge-town, in Kent county, and for other purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the mayor of the city of Annapolis, enclosing a letter from Major Reed and Peter Silace, addressed to him, stating that they are American citizens, and confined on board of a French frigate, now lying off the harbour of Annapolis, and soliciting his interference in their favour; which was read and referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice to consider and report thereon.