

Mr. Stansbury appeared in the house. Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Harwood, Mr. Cockey and Mr. Thomas, have leave of absence.

Petitions from Joseph Perrigoy and James Oswald Bowman, of Baltimore county, David Watson, of the city of Baltimore, John Null and Benjamin Duvall, of Frederick county, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from Laurence Brengle, collector of Frederick county, praying that a law may pass extending the time for completing his collection until the first day of November, eighteen-hundred and five, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Clarke, Mr. Waters and Mr. Bowles, to consider and report thereon.

Petitions from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, counter to the petition of sundry inhabitants of said county praying for the establishment of turnpike roads, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it is counter.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore and Frederick counties, praying that a law may pass to compel the opening of the road from Philemon Barnes's at the divisional line between Baltimore and Frederick counties, agreeably to the late location thereof, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Brown, Mr. Lemmon, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Harryman and Mr. Sheredine, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from James Sim, of Cæcil county, praying that the levy court of said county may be empowered to levy a sum of money on said county for the purpose of paying him for a bridge built over Ostararah creek, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Miller, Mr. Sheredine and Mr. Ringgold, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from John Snider, of Frederick county, praying that he may be allowed to keep an ordinary and to retail spirituous liquors without paying for a licence, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Clarke, Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Hyland, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from John C. Bond, late sheriff of Harford county, praying that a law may pass to stay process against him and his securities on a debt due from him to the state, until the twentieth day of November, eighteen hundred and five, and that he may be released from the payment of nine per cent. interest on the same, on his paying six per cent. on the balance due, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Clarke, Mr. Ayres and Mr. Montgomery, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the communication of the executive of the twenty-eighth of November, eighteen hundred and four, enclosing letters from Benjamin Harwood and Thomas Munroe, on the subject of the loans by the state to the city of Washington, report, that they have taken the same under their consideration, and therefore submit the following resolution :

Whereas Thomas Munroe, superintendent of the city of Washington, by his letter to the treasurer of the western shore of the 22d of November, 1804, hath therein communicated, that he had laid the letter received from said treasurer of the 19th instant before the president of the United States, who, after consulting the secretary of the treasury, directed him to state, that they consider themselves authorised by the act of congress to pay the first instalment of forty thousand dollars on any day in the year 1804, the second on any day in the year 1805, and that the first instalment will be paid on demand, and as it is as convenient to the United States to pay on the first as on the last day of the year, the second instalment may be paid on the first day of January, 1805, interest always ceasing from the time of payment : And whereas the executive have instructed the treasurer to request the payment of the said instalments agreeable to the letter from the superintendent, and it is proper that provision should be made for the immediate investment of said sums, when received, so that the same may not lie inactive in the treasury, therefore, **RESOLVED**, That immediately upon the receipt of the first instalment, and the interest thereon, the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised and directed, to subscribe in behalf and for the use of the state, so many of the shares in the bank of Baltimore reserved for the state under the act, entitled, An act to establish a bank, and incorporate the subscribers thereto, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-five, as the said instalment and interest may amount to, and to pay over to the president and directors of the bank of Baltimore the amount of the shares which shall be subscribed by him as aforesaid, immediately after such subscription ; and immediately upon the receipt of the second instalment in the treasury, after the first day of January next, the said treasurer is hereby further authorised and directed to subscribe in behalf and for the use of the state, so many of the said reserved shares as the said instalments may amount to, and to pay over to the said president and directors the amount of the same immediately after such subscription.

RESOLVED, That all dividends to which the state shall hereafter be entitled to receive from the investments heretofore made, or to be made in virtue of the foregoing resolutions, shall remain in deposit in the bank of Baltimore, subject to the checks drawn from time to time by the treasurer of the western shore, under the direction of the governor and council.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, **ORDERED**, That the printer to the state strike one hundred copies of the said report for the use of the general assembly.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying that a law may pass to have the road cleared which leads through the lands of John Trimble, William Amos, junior, James Amos, junior, Mordecai Amos