

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Dorchester county, praying that a law may pass to lay out and open a public road from the lower end of New-Market to the main road leading from Bartholomew Ennalls's meeting-house to Vienna, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ennalls, Mr. J. Bayly and Mr. S. Frazier, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. J. Bayly, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to dispose of the Eden school lands in Somerset county, and for other purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The following message was read, to wit:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 3, 1804.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

THE office of register of wills being vacant in Allegany county, we propose, with the concurrence of your house, to proceed to an election to supply the vacancy on the — instant. — is put in nomination by this house.

ORDERED, That the said message lie on the table.

A petition from Peter Bowie, of Montgomery county, praying that Talbert Allnut may not obtain the benefit of an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it is counter.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act respecting the acknowledgment of deeds. ORDERED, That Mr. J. Bayly, Mr. Stephen and Mr. Montgomery, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The following resolution being propounded to the house, was read.

Whereas the state having become a stockholder in the bank of Baltimore to the amount of sixty-six thousand dollars, is thereby entitled to appoint annually two directors, one to be chosen by the senate, the other by the house of delegates; therefore, RESOLVED, That this house on Monday next will proceed to the appointment of a director to the bank of Baltimore, in behalf of the state, for the ensuing year.

ORDERED, That the said resolution lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the encouragement of learning in this state, and for other purposes therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Clarke, Mr. Holbrook, Mr. Cottman, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Stansbury, Mr. J. Bayly and Mr. Lowrey, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to authorise and empower the levy court of Worcester county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, December 1, 1804: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

T. W. HALL, clk.

"By the senate, December 3, 1804: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

T. W. HALL, clk."

Ordered that the said bill be engrossed.

Also the bill for the benefit of Joyce Insley, of Dorchester county, endorsed; "By the senate, November 29, 1804: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

T. W. HALL, clk.

"By the senate, December 3, 1804: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

T. W. HALL, clk."

Which amendments were read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. Also the resolution in favour of John Snider, endorsed; "By the senate, December 1, 1804: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

T. W. HALL, clk.

"By the senate, December 3, 1804: Read the second time and dissented from.

"By order,

T. W. HALL, clk."

Also the resolution in favour of William Ennalls, endorsed; "By the senate, November 27, 1804: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

T. W. HALL, clk.

"By the senate, December 3, 1804: Read the second time and assented to with the proposed amendment.

"By order,

T. W. HALL, clk."

Which amendment was read the first and second time and agreed to.

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

THE committee to whom were referred the petitions of sundry persons of Harford county, praying to be maintained out of the poor-house, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the trustees of the poor in the several counties should have the power of receiving applications from persons praying to be maintained out of the poor-house, and may recommend to the levy court such of the said applicants as in their discretion they may conceive to be proper objects to be kept and maintained out of the poor-house, and that the levy courts in the several counties ought to be vested with discretionary power to levy a sum of money annually for the support of such applicants, so recommended as aforesaid, not exceeding —