

county, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from John Worthington, of Anne-Arundel county, stating, that a law passed at the last session of assembly to open a road from the oak tree standing in the fork of the road near Richard Dorsey's, leading to the head of Severn, and running from the said oak tree, by Jacob Waters's mill, to the methodist meeting-house, and so on to the Federal city, and that the commissioners therein appointed have laid out the road across his mill-race, and that in cutting down the banks or hills above the said race for opening the road, it will inevitably fill up and destroy the said mill-race and dam, and praying that other persons may be appointed to lay out the said road from said oak tree through his lands, until it intersects the new road, as is now laid out and surveyed, at the hill commonly called Lampley's Hill, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Mercer, Mr. Hall and Mr. Harwood, to consider and report thereon.

Petitions from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying that an act may pass incorporating a company to turnpike and keep in repair a road on the nearest and best direction from Baltimore to Frederick-town, and from thence on the nearest and best direction to Elizabeth-town, in the county aforesaid, was preferred, read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Denton, in Caroline county, praying that a law may pass authorising commissioners to cause fifty acres of land adjoining and including the village aforesaid, to be surveyed, laid off, marked and bounded, as the limits of said village, and to cause streets, lanes and alleys, to be surveyed and laid off for the free use of the public; and that the said commissioners may be authorised to assess and levy on the citizens within the compass of the said fifty acres, who shall possess real property therein, such sums of money as may be necessary for carrying the aforesaid regulations into effect; and that the said commissioners may be authorised to lay off and apportion a certain spot and quantity of land, part of the public square or ground in the said village, for the purpose of erecting a school-house, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Potter, Mr. J. Bayly and Mr. Tillotson, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. M-Pherson, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Gardiner, of Charles county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and believe the facts therein stated to be true; they are therefore of opinion, as the petitioner has paid into the treasury the sum of five hundred and sixty-two pounds fourteen shillings and eight-pence, in consequence of his father having been security for Benjamin Cawood, former sheriff and collector of public taxes for Charles county, who is since insolvent, it would be reasonable and just to indulge the petitioner for the balance due until the first day of December, eighteen hundred and five; they therefore submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That all proceedings against William Gardiner, and others, for the recovery of the balance due by him to the state of Maryland, be and they are hereby suspended until after the first day of December, eighteen hundred and five, and that the said William Gardiner be and he is hereby indulged in the payment of the said balance till the period before mentioned; provided, that the judgment aforesaid shall continue and be in full force, notwithstanding the suspension of proceedings directed by this resolution, and if the balance that will then be due on the aforesaid judgment be not paid by the time aforesaid, an execution may again be issued against the said William Gardiner to enforce the payment thereof.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

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 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 twenty-second of November, eighteen hundred and four, hath therein communicated, that he had laid the letter received from said treasurer of the nineteenth 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 eighteen hundred and four, the second on any day in the year eighteen hundred and five, 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, eighteen hundred and five, 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, which has been done, and the treasurer has according thereto received a warrant from the general government, drawn on the branch bank of discount and deposit in Baltimore for the said first instalment and interest up to the time of payment, and it is proper that provision should be made for the immediate investment of the said sum received so that the same may not remain inactive, therefore, RESOLVED, That 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,