

the period which he served, and praying to be put on the pension list with other invalid officers, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Bruce, Mr. B. Tomlinson and Mr. Chapman, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying that an act may pass authorising a turnpike road to be laid out from the city of Baltimore to Frederick-town, and from thence on the best rout to William's Port, was preferred, read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Clarke, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to improve and repair the streets in Frederick-town, in Frederick county, and for other purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Swearingen, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to extend the powers of the trustees of the poor of Montgomery county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Chapman, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to ascertain and establish a permanent salary to the governor; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the trial of facts in the several counties of this state, and to alter, change and abolish, all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the general court and court of appeals; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. B. Mackall, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property within this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, December 12, 1804.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Spencer appeared in the house.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 12, 1804.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE propose, agreeable to our former message, to proceed immediately to the election of a person to be recommended to the governor to be commissioned as register of wills for Allegany county, and have named Mr. Hatcheson and Mr. Selby to join those gentlemen named in your message of the 7th instant to count the ballots.

By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying that companies may not be incorporated to make turnpike roads, was preferred, read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Moses Legg, of Queen-Anne's county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Prince-George's county, suggesting the outlines of a plan for the diffusion of learning throughout the state, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill for the encouragement of learning in this state, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

A petition from Jacob Loockerman, clerk of Talbot county court, stating, that some of the land records of said county are much decayed and defaced, and that there are no alphabets to others, and praying that a law may pass, authorising him to purchase books, at the public expence, and transfer such deeds as are decaying, and to make alphabets to those records that have none, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Meluy and Mr. Spencer, to consider and report thereon.

The bill authorising Lawrence Brengle, late sheriff and collector of Frederick county, to complete his collection, was read the second time and passed.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 12, 1804.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

WE agree, in conformity with your message of this day, to proceed immediately to the election of a person to be recommended as register of wills for Allegany county. Mr. Thomas Johnson being absent, who was named in our message of the 7th instant to count the ballots, we have named Mr. Partridge, who, with Mr. Thomas, will join the gentlemen named in your message in examining the ballots.

By order,

T. W. HALL, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Sterrett, for himself and others, purchasers of a tract of land in Cæcil county called The Widow's Lot, report, that they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof is just and reasonable, and ought to be granted; they therefore submit the following resolution: