

Mr. Hall, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower the levy court of Anne-Arundel county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom were referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel county, and the separate petition of John Worthington, of said county, have considered the same, and having made due inquiry into the nature of the ground over which the road to which said petitioners refer hath been located by the commissioners appointed to lay out the same, are fully satisfied that no road, to answer any beneficial public purposes, can be effected as this hath been located, that if it could be effected it must necessarily be at a very considerable expence, and that the sum directed to be levied for that purpose is altogether inadequate, and from the number of petitioners now before the house, they are of opinion that farther time ought to be given for the expression of the public sentiment on this subject; under these impressions have reported a supplementary law.

By order,

G. HOWARD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Mercer, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act to authorise the opening a road in Anne-Arundel and Prince-George's counties; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act to authorise William Du Bourg, and others, associated professors of a seminary of learning in the vicinity of Baltimore, to admit students to degrees, and to grant diplomas, was read the second time and passed.

The message respecting the closing of the session was read the second time and agreed to.

Mr. Mercer, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to lay out, open and change a road leading from Owing's and Paul's mill to Elk Ridge Landing; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lowrey, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to grant a public road, and confirm the same, in the upper part of Queen-Anne's county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, the question was put, Shall leave be given to bring in a bill to tax the bank stock of the several banks of this state? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messrs	Stansbury, Brown, Spencer,	Hyland, Ennalls, Sheredine,	Alexander, Thompson, Prideaux,	Williams, Clarke,	Ayres, Montgomery,	Forwood, Holbrook,	Yates, Swearingen,	Selby, B. Tomlinson.
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N E G A T I V E.

Messrs	R. Neale, Hebb, Scott,	Moore, Hatcheson, Mercer,	Dorsey, Parnham, Chapman,	M'Pherson, T. Bayly, Jackson,	Cottman, J. Bayly, Veazey,	Lyles, Contee, Shaaff,	Lowrey, Sturgis, Hawkins,	Stephen, Ellicott, J. Tomlinson.
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So it was determined in the negative.

A petition from Benjamin Hatcheson, of Queen-Anne's county, praying that an indulgence for twelve months may be granted him to enable him to discharge several judgments obtained against him by the state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Lowrey, Mr. Scott and Mr. Thompson, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to reform the penal laws of 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.

T H U R S D A Y, January 3, 1805.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Petitions from Joshua Marriott and John Rainer, of Anne-Arundel county, Peter Wyantt, of the city of Baltimore, and Gottlieb J. Grammer, of the city of Annapolis, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Hatcheson, now of Queen-Anne's county but late a sheriff of Kent county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that no probable injury will result to the state, and the said Benjamin Hatcheson will be much benefitted, by reasonable indulgence in the time of payment of the debts due from him to the state, on condition that he make punctual payment at the expiration of the time that may be allowed him; in conformity to the lenity which has been usually exercised in similar cases, your committee submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That all proceedings at law against Benjamin Hatcheson, and his securities, on judgments obtained by the state of Maryland against him, as sheriff of Kent county, or otherwise, be and the same are hereby suspended until the first day of January, eighteen hundred and six, on condition only that the said Benjamin Hatcheson shall punctually pay to the treasuries of the eastern and western shores respectively, as the case may be, on or before the first day of January, eighteen hundred and six, the whole principal of the debts.