

road leading from Frederick-town to George-town, at or near Log-town; the general assembly did, for reasons therein stated, authorise and require the levy court of Montgomery county to levy on the assessable property of the said county the whole expence of laying out, opening and making passable, the said road: And whereas it appears to your committee, that the commissioners under the act before recited, have proceeded and completely opened the same, as by reference to the documents herewith submitted will more fully appear; and it appearing to your committee highly unjust and unreasonable that the inhabitants of a county, after having generally contributed towards the opening of a road, should not experience all the benefits resulting from its being on a footing with other public roads, beg leave respectfully to submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of this general assembly, the prayer of the petition is unreasonable, and ought not to be granted.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from William R. Sewell, of Calvert county, praying a special act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Hebb, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to prohibit the emigration of free negroes into this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Comegys, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the encouragement of learning in this state, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That the same have a second reading on Tuesday the 16th instant.

ON motion, ORDERED, That the report of the committee relative to the resolutions proposed by the legislature of Tennessee, have a second reading on to-morrow.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act for regulating the mode of staying execution, and repealing the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and for other purposes; on motion, the question was put, That the second clause therein be stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

On progression, the question was put, That the blank in the third clause be filled up with the words "fifteen shillings?" Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, the question was put, That the following be inserted after the third clause? viz. "And be it enacted, That any justice imposing any fine by virtue of this act may issue execution for the same, in the nature of *capias ad satisfaciendum* or *feri facias*, directed to the sheriff or the constable of any hundred in said county, and the same shall be applied towards defraying the county charges." Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow? Resolved in the affirmative.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Cæcil county, stating, that a law passed last session, entitled, An act to lay out and open a road from the Pennsylvania line to the Susquehanna canal, in Cæcil county, will be injurious to them if carried into effect, and praying relief, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Moffit, Mr. Cox and Mr. Mitchell, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act respecting certain suits in the chancery court. ORDERED, That Mr. Shaaff, Mr. Chapman and Mr. W. H. Brown, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

T U E S D A Y, December 9, 1806.

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

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the first election district in Baltimore county, praying an alteration in the place of holding the election, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Little, Mr. Aisquith and Mr. M. Brown, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, stating that they have sundry bills of credit in their possession, and praying a compensation therefor, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Little, Mr. Shaaff, Mr. Winder, Mr. Aisquith and Mr. Chapman, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Daniel Bowley, of the city of Baltimore, praying an alteration in the direction of Granby-street, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Aisquith, Mr. R. Steuart and Mr. Little, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying that the levy court may be elected by the people, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Forwood, Mr. Street and Mr. Davis, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Spriggs, report, that they have considered the same, and find, from the petitioner's own acknowledgment, that he is not a citizen of this state, they are therefore of opinion that it would be improper to grant him the benefit of an act of insolvency as prayed for, as the legislature might thereby do manifest injustice to the creditors of the said petitioner, and hold out encouragement to the citizens of other states to resort to this for the purpose of being thus exonerated with great facility.