

FRIDAY, November 13, 1807.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Carroll, Mr. Blake and Mr. Grahame. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Sudler, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to alter the time of holding the county court of Queen-Anne's county, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Kuhn, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act to establish a bank, and incorporate a company, under the name of The Farmers Bank of Maryland, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from the elders and wardens of the vestry of the German evangelic Lutheran congregation, in Washington county, praying their title to certain lots may be confirmed, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Tabbs, Mr. Bowles and Mr. Schnebly, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Bugn, of Dorchester county, having taken the petitioner's case under their serious consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted, and that the said petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order,

W. DIXON, clk.

Which was read the first and second time by especial order and concurred with.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for quieting possessions, and securing and confirming the estates of purchasers. ORDERED, That Mr. T. Dorsey, Mr. Little, Mr. Shaaff, Mr. Sudler and Mr. Bruce, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill for the relief of Thomas Ditworth, of Frederick county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from Thomas South, of Washington county, praying he may be released from the payment of fines imposed on him by said county court, and from the payment of costs of suit, and also to be released from confinement, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Tabbs, Mr. Bowles and Mr. Schnebly, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from the vestry of the German Lutheran congregation at Saint-John's church in and about Elizabeth-town, praying a lottery may be authorised for the benefit of said church, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Schnebly, Mr. Tabbs and Mr. Bowles, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act relating to public roads in the several counties therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Frazier, Mr. Ennalls and Mr. Henry, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Jackson, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Robert Leatherbury, late sheriff of Somerset county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Ferguson report, that they have examined into the facts stated in said petition, and find that the said William Ferguson, on the eleventh day of December, seventeen hundred and ninety-three, made known to the agent of the state of Maryland, that a tract or parcel of land lying in Prince-George's county, called Turkey Thicket, supposed to contain about one hundred acres of land, adjoining Mrs. Morduit and Josias Ray's land; that on the 21st day of November, 1799, Robert Brent, Esquire, purchased of the agent the state's right in and to fifty acres, part of the said land, for the price or sum of one hundred and fifty pounds current money, and passed his bond to the state for that amount, and that the residue of the said land, lying in Prince-George's county, remains undisposed of. Your committee also find, that on the 20th day of May, 1801, the said Robert Brent paid to the treasurer of the western shore the said sum of £ 150, with the interest due thereon, amounting in the whole to the sum of one hundred and sixty-three pounds ten shillings current money; that by law the agent was authorised to allow to the discoverers of confiscated British property one third part of the value thereof, but in as much as the whole amount of the purchase money for the land aforesaid has been paid into the treasury, the petitioner cannot now obtain his part thereof without the interposition of the legislature; your committee therefore submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay unto William Ferguson, or his order, the sum of fifty-four pounds ten shillings, being the one third part of the purchase money received by the state for land sold by the agent as confiscated British property, he the said William Ferguson being the discoverer thereof.

By order,

N. MARTIN, jun. clk.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to extend the power of the clerks of the county courts in the several counties of this state? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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

Mrs. W. Moffitt,	Harryman,	Stevens,	Mitchell,	Striver,	Ayes,	Hayard,	Tomlinson,
Little,	M. Brown,	Ennalls,	Porter,	Streett,	Holbrook,	Jump,	Briscoe.