

read, and referred to Mr. Bland, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Stansbury and Mr. Davis, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Joshua Butler, of Worcester county, praying to be supported out of the poors house, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Hayward, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Bennett, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Worcester county, praying that the levy court of said county may be authorised and directed to levy a sum of money to reimburse them their expenses in opening a road from William Davis's shop to Cornelius Finnis's landing, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Wilson, Mr. Hayward and Mr. T. N. Williams, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Worcester county residing on the seaboard, praying for a road to the navigable waters of the Atlantic, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Hayward, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Bennett, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Caroline county, praying a law making such modifications in the insolvent laws of this state as shall place all the citizens thereof upon an equal footing with respect to the mode of obtaining their discharge from debts, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Bayard, Mr. Bland, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Spencer and Mr. Young, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Bayly, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act annulling the marriage of John C. Hatton and Elizabeth Hatton, of Somerset county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, November 29, 1808.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

IN consequence of the appointment of William Hayward, Esquire, late director on the part of this state in the Branch of the Farmers bank of Maryland at Easton, to the presidency of that institution, it becomes necessary, and we propose, with the concurrence of your honourable body, to go into an election, on Thursday next at 12 o'clock, for a director to fill said vacancy; and to regulate said election we have adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the director to be appointed on the part of this state in the Farmers Bank of Maryland be elected by ballot, and shall be a resident of the town of Easton, or Talbot county, upon the eastern shore, and that the person, resident as aforesaid, having a majority of ballots of all the attending members of both branches of the legislature shall be a director of the Branch Bank of the said Farmers Bank of Maryland, and the person having a majority of ballots as aforesaid, shall be declared duly elected as aforesaid.

John Kennard and Bennett Wheeler are put in nomination by this house, and Mr. Seth and Mr. Young are appointed to join the gentlemen that may be appointed by you to examine the ballots.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

A petition from Robert Couden Stone, and others, praying that money paid by their father in the treasury on obtaining proclamation warrants for lands in Allegany county, and to which he never obtained a title, may be refunded to them. was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. P. Stuart, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Sanders and Mr. Gale, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying for a road from the town of New-Market to Johnson's mill where George Messcrop's blacksmith's shop stands, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on a petition of a similar nature.

The house, according to the order of the day, proceeded to the second reading of the further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for regulating the mode of staying executions, and repealing the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and for other purposes, and, on motion, the question was put, That the further consideration of the same be postponed until Thursday next? Determined in the negative.

On progression in reading the same, the question was put, That the following words be stricken out of the second clause thereof? viz. "and the said clerk or register to whom the same shall be transmitted shall, immediately on filing the same, grant a certificate thereof, under the hand and seal of office, to the party applying for the same, and such certificate shall be sufficient authority to the sheriff, coroner or constable, as the case may be, to forbear serving the execution on the body, goods or chattels, lands or tenements, of the person so obtaining such certificate." Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the following be inserted in lieu of the words stricken out? viz. "and the said judge or justices, as the case may be, before whom such judgment shall be confessed, shall immediately on taking the same grant a certificate thereof, under his or their hand and seal, to the party confessing the judgment, and such certificate shall be sufficient authority to the sheriff, coroner or constable, as the case may be, to forbear serving the execution on the body, goods or chattels, lands or tenements, of the person so obtaining such certificate." Resolved in the affirmative.

On further progression, the question was put, That the following clause be stricken out? viz.

"And be it enacted, That as often as any creditor, or the executors or administrators of any such creditor, shall conceive him or herself in danger of suffering from the insufficiency of any security so as aforesaid to be taken by virtue and under this act, he, she or they, may apply to the judge or justices before whom the said confession was made, or in case of the death, removal, resignation or disqualification, of such judge or justices,