

The bill to lay out and straighten a certain road in Harford county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Herbert delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorise Thomas Harwood, of Benjamin, late collector of Prince-George's county, to complete his collection; which was read.

On motion by Mr. J. H. Thomas, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act, entitled, An act to incorporate certain persons in every Christian church or congregation in this state. ORDERED, That Mr. J. H. Thomas, Mr. J. E. Spencer and Mr. Blake, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill to authorise a lottery or lotteries in Middle-town, in Frederick county, was read the second time and passed.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to authorise Elizabeth Philpott, of Frederick county, to dispose of the land therein mentioned, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And the resolutions disapproving of the resolutions of November session, 1808, relative to the embargo, endorsed, "unanimously assented to."

On motion by Mr. Davis, ORDERED, That the bill to open a road to Swan creek, in Harford county, and to make a public landing thereat, be recommitted for amendment.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the treasurer of the eastern shore, enclosing a list of fines, forfeitures and americiaments; which was read.

Mr. Streett delivers a bill, entitled, An act to lay out, straighten and amend, a certain road in Harford county; which was read.

Mr. J. H. Thomas delivers a petition from William Ahorn, of Frederick county, an old revolutionary soldier; which was read and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

The house formed itself into a committee of the whole on the bill relative to crimes and punishments, Mr. Winder in the chair; and after sometime spent therein, the committee rose, and Mr. Winder reported progress, and asked for leave to sit again.

The question was put, That the committee have leave to sit again? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. J. Brown and Mr. Hopper appear in the house.

Mr. Tabbs delivers a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turpikie road from the town of Westminster, in Frederick county, through Harman's Gap, to Hagar's-town, in Washington county; which was read.

Mr. Worthington delivers the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Norwood, and the petition of Edward Norwood counter thereto, report, that they have duly considered the same, and find that the said Edward Norwood and Samuel Norwood hold, as tenants in common, the interest in the ferry at which the petitioner, Samuel Norwood, prays to be authorised to build a bridge: That the said Samuel Norwood acknowledges it to be his design to build said bridge, if allowed, for his own benefit, to the exclusion of Edward Norwood, and by his petition offers to relinquish to the said Edward all the profits of the ferry aforesaid, in consideration of the privilege of building the bridge as aforesaid, to which the said Edward Norwood positively objects. Your committee further states, that it appears by a decree of the chancery court, recognizing a division of the land to which the said ferry is attached, among other things the ferry rights were ordered and adjudged to remain to the mutual benefit and interest of the said Messieurs Norwoods, which part of the aforesaid decree was affirmed by the court of appeals. Your committee are of opinion, to gratify the prayer of the petitioner, Samuel Norwood, would be an interference with private right, tending to destroy the interest of the counter petitioner in the aforesaid ferry, and in direct contravention of the decree of the court of chancery aforesaid, sanctioned by the court of appeals, which your committee conceive would be highly unjustifiable and improper, and therefore recommend that the petitioner, Samuel Norwood, have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order,

L. C. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

The house adjourns until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, December 11, 1809.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Harryman. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Harryman and Mr. Lecompte appear in the house.

The bill to authorise the drawing of a lottery or lotteries in Middle-town, in Frederick county, was sent to the senate.

Mr. Bland delivers a petition from Isaac Vanbibber, and others, praying that the treasurer may be directed to pay to them a sum of money paid in the treasury of the western shore by Mark Alexander; which was read and referred to Mr. Bland, Mr. Worthington and Mr. M. Brown, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. J. Brown delivers a petition from James Dorrel, an old revolutionary soldier; which was read and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Archer delivers a petition from John Smithson, of Harford county, praying that a road through his land may be shut; which was read and referred to Mr. Archer, Mr. Streett and Mr. Davis, to consider and report thereon.