

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The house met. The proceedings of Friday were read.

The amendments to the bill to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the town of Westminster, in Frederick county, through Harman's Gap, to Hagar's-town, in Washington county, was read the second time, and, on motion by Mr. Brent, the following message was read and agreed to.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 27, 1809.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

WE have agreed to all the amendments proposed by your house to the bill, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the town of Westminster, in Frederick county, through Harman's Gap, to Hagar's-town, in Washington county, except the latter part of the eleventh amendment from the word "and" in the 14th line to the end thereof. We hope, therefore, the senate, upon a reconsideration, will recede from that part of the amendment.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

The speaker laid before the house letters from the clerks and registers of wills of Washington and Montgomery counties, and clerks of Talbot and Queen-Anne's counties, and the register of wills of Frederick county, relative to their fees; which were read.

Mr. J. Brown delivers a petition from Margaret Ringgold, of Queen-Anne's county, praying a confirmation of her title to certain land purchased from John Tippins; which was read and referred to Mr. J. Brown, Mr. Hopper and Mr. J. E. Spencer, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Herbert delivers a petition from George Magruder, of Prince-George's county, and others, praying for a sale of the real estate of William W. Berry, deceased; which was read and referred to Mr. Herbert, Mr. Calvert and Mr. Magruder, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Plater delivers petitions from John Williams and Charles Thompson, of Saint-Mary's county; Mr. Brent delivers a petition from Mountjoy Bayly, of Washington county, and Mr. Bland delivers a petition from William Pierce, each a revolutionary soldier; which were read and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Herbert delivers a petition from John Boyd, of Prince-George's county, counter to the petition of Charles Duvall; which was read and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it is counter.

On motion by Mr. Herbert, ORDERED, That the bill to make public a road in Prince-George's county, be recommitted.

Mr. Baer delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying they may be compensated for damages sustained by the Baltimore and Reister's-town turnpike road running through their land; which was read and referred to Mr. Baer, Mr. Harryman, Mr. Bowles, Mr. Randall and Mr. J. Thomas, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Worthington delivers the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of William Merryman, sheriff of Baltimore county, respecting the act for the relief of insolvent debtors of 1774, chapter 28, have taken the same into consideration, and beg leave to report, that the evil complained of by the said William Merryman, the committee conceive, may be best remedied by an additional section to a bill already reported to this house this session, and read once, entitled, An act concerning insolvency, being a bill contemplating a general law on the subject of insolvent debtors, and believing that a short section embracing the evil complained of, with a kind of relationship and reference to said act in which it may be incorporated, may be better than a separate act on this subject, which at this late period of the session it might be difficult, from the press of business, to take up, would be best, they recommend that said petition lie on the table.

By order,

L. C. GASSAWAY, clk.

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

Mr. S. Thomas delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Montgomery county, praying that a road from Snell's bridge to Montgomery court-house may be straightened; which was read and referred to Mr. S. Thomas, Mr. Gaither and Mr. Wharton, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Worthington delivers the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of sundry magistrates of the city and county of Baltimore, requesting a legislative exposition of the law, whether they are entitled to six cents for writing a probat or not, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and conceive that a bill which has passed this house at the present session, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the recovery of small debts out of court, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, supersedes the necessity of acting upon said memorial, and therefore recommend that the memorialists have leave to withdraw their memorial.

By order,

L. C. GASSAWAY, clk.

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

Mr. Herbert delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Prince George's and Anne-Arundel counties, praying for a public road from Thomas Richardson's, in Prince-George's county, by the mills of John Chew