

Frazier delivers a bill, entitled, An act regulating lawyers fees; Mr. Archer delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the levy court of Harford county to levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned; Mr. Jump delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to lay out and open a road in Caroline county, and Mr. Brooke delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Lyon, of Frederick county, which were severally read.

The report in favour of William Horney was read the second time and the resolution therein contained assented to.

The bill for the benefit of William Smith, devisee of Robert Smith, late of Harford county, deceased, the bill for the benefit of Samuel T. Parker, of Worcester county, the bill to enable Margaret Hammond and Harriet Hammond, of the city of Baltimore, to build a wharf at the place called Hammond's Ferry, and the bill to pay the civil list, and other expenses of civil government, were read the second time and passed.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the report in favour of William Kilty, and, on motion by Mr. Bland, the question was put, That the first blank therein be filled up with one thousand dollars? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Boyle, the question was put on nine hundred dollars? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Bland, the question was put on eight hundred dollars? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Archer, the question was put on seven hundred and fifty dollars? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Brooke, ORDERED, That the same be recommitted for amendment.

Mr. Comegys delivers the following report:

THE committee appointed to bring in a bill for the purpose of withdrawing the donations to the several academies, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion, that as institutions for the education of youth, under the care of the patronage of the state, have ever been encouraged by the wisest nations as the most effectual means of disseminating the principles of religious and civil liberty, private and public virtue, and those several arts and sciences which are at once the greatest ornament of a free republic, and the surest basis of its stability and glory; when your committee find that all history verifies the truth of these observations, that the fame of the ancient republics has been rendered imperishable by an attention to literature, that the greatest of warriors, history records, blushed for his country, and felt the insignificance of his warlike achievements, because his country contained not a scholar to transmit his fame and his glory to posterity. With this knowledge, your committee would recommend an extension, rather than a diminution of public patronage to seminaries of learning.

By order,

T. MURPHEY, clk.

Which was read.

The house, according to the order of the day proceeded to the second reading of the bill to prevent the increase of banking companies, and, on motion by Mr. Randall, the question was put, That the further consideration of the same be referred to the next general assembly? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Brooke, the question was put, That the 3d section be stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Boyle delivers a petition from Charles Wallace, of the city of Annapolis, praying that the state may relinquish its interest in lot No. 36 in said city, to him; which was read and referred to Mr. Boyle, Mr. Brooke and Mr. Mackubin.

Mr. F. Hall delivers a petition from Thomas Harrison, of Prince-George's county, a revolutionary soldier, praying relief; which was read and referred to Mr. F. Hall, Mr. M'Pherson and Mr. Bowie.

Mr. Brooke delivers a petition from Lewis J. Dugas, of Frederick county, praying a special act of insolvency; which was read and referred to Mr. Brooke, Mr. Randall and Mr. Downey.

Mr. Bowie delivers a petition from Mary Randall, of Prince-George's county, praying to be supported as an out-pensioner; which was read and referred to Mr. Bowie, Mr. F. Hall and Mr. Randall.

Mr. Perry delivers the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Allegany county, praying the aid of the legislature to rebuild the bridge across Will's creek, at Cumberland, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find that the citizens of Allegany county, at an expense little short of three thousand dollars, built an iron bridge across Will's creek, at Cumberland, the funds for which were drawn partly from the county, and partly from the donations of the citizens of Cumberland, and its vicinity; that the bridge, at the time of its completion, was admired for its beauty and its appearance of promised durability, but unfortunately they have been lately visited by the greatest and most extraordinary inundation within the recollection of man, by which the bridge has been taken away; the private loss sustained by the citizens of Cumberland by the late inundation, render it impossible to obtain donations from the citizens sufficient to rebuild the bridge, and to levy a tax upon the citizens of the county at large, for that purpose, at this time, when they are taxed as high as any other county in the state, and less able to pay, would be manifestly unjust and oppressive; and that without the aid of the legislature it must be some considerable time before it can be rebuilt. Your committee beg leave to observe, that they have given to the subject all that consideration its importance merits, and feel