

The Speaker presented a communication from Nicholas Burke, of the city of Baltimore, requesting an investigation of his official conduct as inspector, measurer and marker, of lumber, for the city and county of Baltimore, and that so far as he was concerned, the truth or falsehood of the imputations contained in the petition of sundry citizens of the state of New York, presented by Mr. Thomas of Cecil, on Wednesday last, may be ascertained; which was read and referred to the committee appointed on the petition from sundry citizens of the state of New York above mentioned.

The Speaker communicated to the house a report from the register of the land office for the western shore, prepared in obedience to the order of this house, passed on the 17th instant, relative to the lands westward of Fort Cumberland, in Allegany county; which on motion of Mr. M'Mahon, was referred to the committee appointed pursuant to the order passed on the 12th instant, relative to the military grants of lands to the westward of Fort Cumberland, in Allegany county.

Also a report from the clerk of Baltimore county court in compliance with the order of this house, passed on the tenth instant, submitting an account of the state of the city docket of said court for the years 1824, 1825, 1826 and 1827, up to the first day of January instant, and exhibiting the information called for by that order; which was on motion of Mr. M'Mahon, referred to the committee appointed on Saturday last, to prepare and report a bill to be entitled, An act to expedite the trial of causes in Baltimore county court, and for other purposes.

Also a report from the collector of the third collection district of Harford county, of the deaf and dumb residing in that district, made in obedience to the act of assembly passed at the last session; which was referred to the standing committee on education.

And a report from Singleton Du Val, Esquire, the state's agent for the western shore of this state, accompanied by statements of accounts settled with the clerks and sheriffs of the several counties on said shore, which are as follow:

Annapolis, January 21st, 1828.

The Hon. John G. Chapman, Esq.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Sir,—I have the honour to-day of transmitting to you a copy of my annual report, together with two statements, as the agent for the western shore Maryland.

With sentiments of great respect,

I remain your obedient servant.

SINGLETON DU VAL.

To the Honourable the General Assembly of Maryland.