

are of opinion that a law ought to pass confirming the title of the said Henry King to the real estate by him purchased in the county aforesaid. All which is submitted.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

Upon reconsideration of the order of the day, for the second reading of the bill to incorporate a company for the purpose of cutting and making a canal between the river Delaware and the Chesapeake bay, ORDERED, That the same have a second reading on to-morrow.

Upon reconsideration of the order of the day, respecting the resolutions in favour of the river Patowmack, ORDERED, That the same have a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Wilkins, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to establish and confirm certain acts done by persons holding offices of trust and profit under the government of the United States; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Duckett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of William Kilty, guardian to the children of the late John Rogers, beg leave to report, that they have considered the said memorial, and are of opinion that the facts therein respecting the real estate are correctly stated. The committee have reason to believe, that the annual produce of the said real estate, allowing for the expence of unavoidable repairs, is considerably less than the probable amount of interest on the sales, and that the land in Prince-George's county is daily growing worse, by being rented out, and by the use of the timber and wood which is thereby consumed. The committee are induced to believe that the children, as far as they are capable of judging, are desirous that a sale and division should take place, more especially as one of them is settled, and has received a proportion of the personal estate; they are therefore of opinion that the sale of the real estate, as proposed by the memorialist, is reasonable, and would be for the advantage of the children, and they recommend that an act should pass for that purpose, either directing and prescribing the terms of sale, or authorizing the chancellor, on application, to direct a sale of the said real estate, in such manner as he may judge proper. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

R. K. WATTS, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Key, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of the proprietors of the Susquehanna canal company, report, that they have examined the same, and received full information on the subject from gentlemen belonging to the company; the committee are of opinion that the opening the navigation of the river is an object of immense magnitude and importance to the citizens of this state; that great accumulation of wealth, power and commerce, must necessarily result therefrom, as well to the state considered as an independent sovereign power, as to the citizens thereof; that the public spirit and active exertions of the company have already greatly contributed to the success of the undertaking, but now nearly exhausted, they have applied for public patronage, without which the object will be greatly retarded, if not totally defeated. Your committee are of opinion that an extension of the shares of the Susquehanna canal company would be proper, and an advance of money, by way of loan, and recommend leave to bring in a bill for that purpose.

By order,

R. K. WATTS, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That the committee appointed on the said petition prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Buchanan, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for making the river Susquehanna navigable from the line of this state to tide water; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That the said bill have a second reading on to-morrow.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, December 4, 1799.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill for the relief of Richard Rofs and William Rofs, of Prince-George's county, the bill for laying out two roads to Exeter mills, in Caroline county, the bill to release the heirs, executors and administrators, and the securities, of Charles Beckworth, late of Montgomery county, deceased, from a contract therein mentioned, the bill to prevent assignees from suing by bill of privilege or attachment of privilege, the resolution in favour of Daniel Lamb, and the resolution in favour of Thomas Berry, were sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Goldsborough and Mr. S. Frazier be added to the committee appointed on the petition of John Done, and others.

A petition from Francis Williams, of Calvert county, praying an omission in the will of his father may be corrected, by inserting the words "to him and his heirs for ever," according to the intention of the testator, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Brome, Mr. Taney and Mr. Carcaud, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to incorporate a company for the purpose of cutting and making a canal between the river Delaware and the Chesapeake bay, was read the second time, agreeably to the order of