

returned for Dorchester county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took their seats in the house.

Petitions from Reuben Allen, Joseph Burneston, John Deaver, Samuel Foudray and Patrick Mellion, of the city of Baltimore, Abel Sarjeant, Samuel Selby, 3d, Peter D'Everman, William W. Hoy, of Allegany county, William Smith, Samuel Williams and Joseph Magruder, of Montgomery county, Josiah Donnan, of Somerset county, Robert Harris and Samuel Willetts, of Harford county, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the city and county of Baltimore, praying to be incorporated for the purpose of protecting and educating female children, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Johnnot, Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Brown, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Turner, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker, a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act, entitled, An act to prevent the exportation of flour not merchantable from George-town, in Frederick county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from Benjamin Harwood, trustee of the state of Maryland, enclosing an account current of funded stock to the 31st of October, 1799, and an account of interest and principal received; which was read, and referred to Mr. Turner, Mr. Duckett, Mr. Key, Mr. Taney and Mr. Buchanan, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from George Twilly, senior, of Somerset county, praying to be released from the term of £. 17 6 9, for improvements on a tract of land called Chance, lying in the said county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Hyland, Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Cottman, to consider and report thereon.

A memorial from Jonathan Ellicott, and others, of the city of Baltimore, counter to the petition of the mayor and city council of the city of Baltimore, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on the petition to which it is counter.

Mr. Carroll has leave of absence till Monday next.

The bill to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year, was read the second time, and passed.

A petition from James Selby, of Worcester county, stating, that the orphans court of said county have violated the law, by refusing to appoint him guardian to his daughter, an infant, and appointing another person, and praying that the same may be inquired into, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice to consider and report thereon.

A petition from the mayor, recorder, aldermen and common council, of the corporation of George-town, praying that an act may pass authorising the common law fines, collected under judgments given by the court of the corporation, to be applied, under the direction of the corporation court, to discharge in the first place the costs and charges incurred by, and chargeable to, the said corporation, for the prosecution of common law offences, and the overplus only to be paid into the public treasury; also that an act may pass to vest the county wharf in the corporation of George-town; also that an act may pass vesting in the court of the corporation of George-town the sole and exclusive power of granting licences for keeping ordinaries and retailing liquors within the precincts and jurisdiction of the said corporation; also that an act may pass to grant to the corporation of George-town the monies arising from such licences, to be applied and laid out in improving the streets of George-town, and defraying the other necessary expenses of the corporation thereof; and lastly, that an act may pass directing the book which contains the original plan of George-town aforesaid to be removed from the office of the clerk of Montgomery county, and deposited for safe keeping with the clerk of the corporation of George-town, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Magruder, Mr. Turner and Mr. Key, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Quynn inform the reverend Mr. Wyatt, that the house request he will perform divine service every morning at the meeting of the house.

On motion, the question was put, That the house reconsider the following question, viz. "That the report of the committee, so far as relates to Washington county, be postponed till Friday next, the delegates wishing to be heard by counsel at the bar in support of the return of the sheriff?" Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, RESOLVED, That the delegates of Washington county be heard by counsel at the bar of the house on to-morrow morning in support of the return of the sheriff.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from his excellency the governor, with sundry enclosures; which were read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Purnell, Mr. Duckett, Mr. McPherson, Mr. Cottman, Mr. Perry and Mr. Bond, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Taney-town was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.

A petition from Tristram Dalton, of the city of Washington, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Turner, Mr. Duckett and Mr. Brome, to consider and report thereon.

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

T U E S D A Y, November 12, 1799.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Carroll. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Robert Greenwell, a delegate returned for Saint Mary's