

Esquires, were duly elected delegates to represent said county in the general assembly of this state. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

Mr. Ridout, from the committee of elections and privileges, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee of elections and privileges, to whom was referred the petition of Edward Norwood, praying that the constitutionality of the election of James Carroll, a delegate returned for Baltimore county, may be inquired into, report, that they have taken the said petition under their consideration, and find, by the certificate of R. H. Moale, Secretary to the commissioners for Baltimore-town, that the said James Carroll, at an election held for Baltimore-town on the fifth day of October, seventeen hundred and ninety-five, offered himself as a representative for the said town in the general assembly of this state, and that on finally closing the polls for said election, James Carroll had eighty-six legal votes; and your committee are informed, that the said James Carroll continued an inhabitant of said town for several months subsequent to the said fifth day of October, seventeen hundred and ninety-five, but whether these circumstances are sufficient to disqualify said James Carroll from taking a seat as a delegate for Baltimore county, the committee leave to the decision of the house; and for this purpose they are of opinion that a certain day should be fixed by the house for the investigation of this subject, and therefore submit the following order:

ORDERED, That on the 22d day of November this house will inquire into the constitutionality of the election of James Carroll, a delegate returned for Baltimore county, and that any depositions taken on three days notice to the opposite party may be read in evidence to the house.

All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

Mr. Robins, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act declaring the right of personal liberty, and redressing the injuries thereto; 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 week.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Allegany county, praying an act may pass authorizing the collectors of said county to sell any real property, provided no personal property can be found on the land, for the collection of the county charges, where the same is not paid in the time limited by law, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Chapman, Mr. Robins, Mr. Clarke, Mr. J. C. Beatty and Mr. Duckett, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to prevent the exportation of bread and flour not merchantable from the town of Havre-de-Grace, and for the inspection of salted provisions. ORDERED, That Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Prall and Mr. Spencer, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Christian Weaver, of Baltimore, praying an act may pass to confirm his title to part of a tract of land called Level Union, which he purchased of a certain Richard Allen, an alien, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Worthington, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Merryman, to consider and report thereon.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 15, 1796.

GENTLEMEN,

THE senate having a sufficient number of members to form a house, are ready to proceed on the business of the session, and to elect the governor at one o'clock this day, if agreeable to your house. We have appointed Charles Ridgely, of Hampton, and William H. Dorsey, Esquires, to join any gentlemen that may be chosen by your house to examine the ballots. John Hoskins Stone is nominated for governor by this house.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read the first and second time.

ORDERED, That Mr. Jarrett, Mr. M'Mechen and Mr. Duckett, be a committee to prepare an answer thereto.

Mr. Duckett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 15, 1796.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have received your message of this morning, and are ready to proceed with the business of the session; we have appointed from nine o'clock in the morning till three o'clock in the afternoon for our hours of sitting. We shall be ready to proceed to the election of a governor at the hour mentioned in your message, and have appointed Mr. M'Mechen and Mr. Digges to join the gentlemen named by you to examine the ballots. No gentleman is nominated by this house, as governor, in addition to the nomination made by you.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

A petition from Dennis Griffith, of Anne-Arundel county, praying the state may take the copy right, plates and maps, of the state of Maryland, which he has on hand, amounting to fifteen hundred and upwards, and to make him compensation for the same, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Hall, Mr. Barroll, Mr. Chapman and Mr. Buchanan, to consider and report thereon.