

A petition from Archibald Gordon, of Cæcil county, stating that he has been a soldier in the army, and is now unable to maintain himself and family, and praying the assistance of the legislature, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Mitchell, Mr. T. Moffit and Mr. Porter, to consider and report thereon.

ORDERED, That the bill authorising Thomas J. Pattison to complete his collections, be recommitted for amendment.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message :

By the S E N A T E, November 7, 1807.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

THE senate having formed a house are ready to proceed to the business of the session. This house will sit from nine o'clock in the morning until three in the afternoon.

By order,

T. ROGERS, clk.

Which was read.

The resolution in favour of John Trueman was sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Little, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and make a public road in Baltimore county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from the trustees of the poor for Washington county, praying the levy court of said county may be authorised and directed to levy a sum of money to reimburse them for advances made by them for the benefit of said poor, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Bowles, Mr. Kuhn and Mr. Shriver, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Frazier, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act annulling the marriage of Britannia Marshall, of Dorchester county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to pay the civil list, and other expenses of civil government. ORDERED, That Mr. Kerr, Mr. Streett and Mr. T. Dorsey, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Frederick Green, printer to the state, praying an increase of his salary, and also that the balance due him for printing Kilty's laws may be paid, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Shaaff and Mr. Shriver, to consider and report thereon.

The house adjourns until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, November 9, 1807.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. John E. Spencer, Mr. William Sudler and Mr. John Brown, delegates returned for Queen-Anne's county, Mr. Robert J. King and Mr. George W. Jackson, delegates returned for Somerset county, Mr. Upton Bruce, a delegate returned for Allegany county, Mr. Thomas Gardiner and Mr. James Hopewell, delegates returned for Saint-Mary's county, Mr. Joseph Ennalls, a delegate returned for Dorchester county, Mr. Zadock Sturgis and Mr. John Dashiell, delegates returned for Worcester county, and Mr. Thomas Ayres, a delegate returned for Harford county, appeared, and after having severally qualified in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking an oath to support the constitution of the United States, took their seats in the house.

The following resolution was read.

Whereas great public inconvenience may hereafter result from the loose imperfect manner in which the records, votes and proceedings of the legislature of the state of Maryland, from the year 1777 to the year 1805, at present remain; and as it is highly necessary that the property of the citizens of this state should rest upon a firmer basis than a loose collection of papers, subject, from their exposed situation, to be destroyed by accident or design, and as in either case no record of their contents is left to be offered in evidence, if ever they should be required; therefore, RESOLVED, That ————— be a committee to examine the state of the records, votes and proceedings, of the several legislatures of Maryland, from the year 1778 to the year 1804, inclusive, with the liberty of sending for any persons or papers capable of affording information on the subject of their inquiry, and to report to this house, as soon as may be convenient, the result of their investigation.

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

The following resolution was read.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore advance to Frederick Green, printer to the state, the sum of six hundred dollars, in part of the salary which may be allowed him on the civil list.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message :

By the S E N A T E, November 9, 1807.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

WITH the concurrence of your house we propose to proceed, at 12 o'clock this day, to the election of a governor, agreeably to the constitution and form of government. The honourable Robert Wright is put in