

Mr. Shaaff, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of John Kilty, report, that they have considered the subject of the reference; the committee have also examined the work called *The Land-Office Guide*, written and compiled by the memorialist.

The memorialist, in the execution of this work, has performed a most laborious task, and has been necessarily obliged to go through a long and painful research into the public records for those documents which were essential to the completion of the treatise he was engaged in.

The committee beg liberty to observe, that before the publication of the work now prepared by the memorialist, the laws and regulations of the land-office, so highly important to the landed interest, have rested solely on tradition, some few adjudications, and upon many unconnected documents in the public offices, no compilation of those laws having ever been attempted until the memorialist first set the example.

The committee are of opinion, that the present work reflects great credit upon the memorialist, and will be extensively beneficial to the citizens of this state; that if this subject had been pointed out to the legislature before the work commenced, the assembly would have directed a compilation of a similar nature; and that the memorialist, having completed this laborious and useful undertaking without being particularly directed to do so, has not, by this act of confidence in the government, lessened his claims to the liberality of the legislature.

The committee submit the following resolution for the consideration of the house.

Whereas John Kilty has completed a work called *The Land-Office Guide*, which will be highly beneficial to the citizens of this state, and it being proper liberally to reward undertakings of this nature, therefore **RESOLVED**, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to John Kilty, or his order, — dollars, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

All which is submitted.

By order,

D. L. JACOB, clk.

Which was read.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from Benjamin Harwood, treasurer of the western shore, enclosing an estimate of money expended on the public buildings from the year 1772, inclusive; which was read.

On the second reading of the bill to authorise the sale of the right of Baltimore county to part of a lot of ground in the city of Baltimore, the question was put, That the further consideration of the same be postponed until the first day of June next? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Stevens, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, *A further additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act relating to negroes*; and Mr. Ennalls, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, *A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned*; which were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to authorise William Handy and James Ritchie to sell and dispose of the real estate of Isaac Handy, late of Somerset county, deceased, the bill to vest certain powers in the orphans court of Charles county, and for other purposes, the bill to incorporate the New Market fire company in the precincts of Baltimore, the bill investing the justices of the levy courts of the several counties in this state with further powers, and the bill authorising commissioners to superintend the building of the state penitentiary to exchange with the justices of the levy court for Baltimore county the property therein mentioned, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The supplement to the act, entitled, *An act for the valuation of the real and personal property within this state*, and the further supplement to the act, entitled, *An act to incorporate companies to make several turnpike roads through Baltimore county, and for other purposes*, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, agreed to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed. The resolutions in favour of Rinaldo Johnson, and Joseph Howard, and others, severally endorsed, "assented to." Also the resolution in favour of John Lynch, endorsed, "dissent- ed from." And the following message:

By the S E N A T E, January 14, 1808.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

WE received your message and the resolution in favour of John Lynch, with the accompanying papers. This resolution was dissented from by the senate after mature deliberation, and we cannot agree to reconsider it.

By order,

T. ROGERS, clk.

Which was read.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill to prevent for a limited time the sale of lands or tenements, goods or chattels. on writs of execution, and for other purposes therein-mentioned, and the question put, That the house reconsider the second clause? Determined in the negative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the same be reprinted? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Hall, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, *An act to provide for the transcribing of certain land records in Prince-George's county, and for making out an alphabet to the same*; which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed.

Mr. Bowles, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, *An act authorising the levy court of Washington county to appoint commissioners to review the road therein mentioned*; which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed.