

T H U R S D A Y, November 12, 1807.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Forwood, Mr. Davis and Mr. Seth. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Moses Tabbs, a delegate returned for Washington county, Mr. Perry Spencer, a delegate returned for Talbot county, and Mr. Benjamin Ray, jun. a delegate returned for Montgomery county, appeared, and after qualifying 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.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of John Gassaway, register of wills for Anne-Arundel county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and have examined the record books referred to in said memorial; the committee are of opinion, that many of the records of the late prerogative-office want reparation, and the liber D. D, No. 4, containing wills from 1746 to 1748, is in such a state of decay that it will be proper to transcribe it; we therefore think that it will be expedient to authorise the register of Anne-Arundel county, under the direction of the governor and council, to be caused to be bound, or repaired, such of the record books of the late prerogative-office as require reparation, and to transcribe and bind the aforesaid record book above particularly referred to; the committee submits to the house the following resolutions:

**RESOLVED**, That the register of wills for Anne-Arundel county, under the direction of the governor and council, be and he is hereby authorised to cause to be bound, or repaired, the several record books of the late prerogative-office now in the custody of the said register.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, That the register of wills of Anne-Arundel county transcribe, in a fair legible hand, the record book belonging to the late prerogative-office, described by liber D. D, No. 4, containing the records of wills from 1746 to 1748; and for the said service the said register shall receive the same compensation as for recording other proceedings in his office as register of wills.

**RESOLVED**, That the register of wills for Anne-Arundel county lay his accounts for services rendered under the foregoing resolutions before the auditor of the state, who is hereby authorised to examine and allow the said accounts, or such parts thereof, if any, as to him shall seem proper, and the treasurer of the western shore is hereby authorised and required to pay to the said register of wills, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, the amount of the account or accounts so as aforesaid to be passed by the said auditor.

All which is submitted.

By order,

J. S. SKINNER, clk.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A memorial from Christiana Johnson, of the city of Baltimore, praying a divorce, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. T. Dorsey, Mr. Steuart and Mr. Muir, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Carroll, Mr. Blake and Mr. Grahame, have leave of absence.

A petition from the president and directors of the Hagar's-town bank, praying for a charter, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Bowles, Mr. Tabbs, Mr. Schnebly, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Shaaff, Mr. Bruce and Mr. Stone, to consider and report thereon.

The bill for the support of Elias Thompson and Mary Thompson, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Christiana Johnson, of the city of Baltimore, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and examined the documents thereto annexed, and are of opinion that there is not sufficient reason to justify the interference of the legislature of this state, and that the prayer of the said petitioner ought not to be granted. All which is submitted.

By order,

G. WINCHESTER, clk.

Which was read the first and second time by especial order and concurred with.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the time and manner of electing the senate, and the mode of filling up vacancies in that body? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	W. H. Brown,	Emerson,	Harryman,	Frazier,	Hall,	J. Brown,	Bayard,	Schnebly,
	Gardiner,	Reynolds,	M. Brown,	Henry,	Callis,	Sturgis,	Jump,	Tabbs,
	Hopewell,	Stone,	Kerr,	Mitchell,	Muir,	Dashiell,	Boon,	Linthicum,
	W. Moffitt,	Green,	Stevens,	T. Moffitt,	Shaaff,	Street,	T. Dorsey,	Bruce,
	Gale, of Kent,	Rogerson,	Jackson,	Porter,	J. E. Spencer,	Ayres,	Steuart,	Greenwell,
	Welch,	Little,	Ennalls,	Page,	Sudler,	Holbrook,	Bowles,	Briscoe.
	C. D. Hodges,							49.

N E G A T I V E.

Mes.	Belt,	Merriken,	C. Dorsey,	Biggs,	Hawkins,	Kuhn,	Shriver,	Tomlinson.
	O. Williams,							9.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

**ORDERED**, That Mr. Kerr, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Little, Mr. Tabbs, Mr. Shaaff and Mr. T. Dorsey, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.