

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Layfield, of Worcester county, report, that they have upon examination found the facts stated in the same to be true, but as provision is made by the act of 1795, chapter 81, to meet his case, they recommend that he have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order,

N. MARTIN, clk.

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

The bill to authorise the levy court of Worcester county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, the question was put, That the further consideration of the bill to alter, change and abolish, all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to field-officers holding a seat in the general assembly of this state, be referred to the next general assembly of Maryland? Resolved in the affirmative.

A petition from Samuel Gover, and others, praying a law may pass authorising the court of appeals to hear and determine the case therein mentioned, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. J. H. Thomas, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Herbert and Mr. Cottman, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from the owners of hack-stages, draymen, carters and labourers, of the city of Baltimore, stating that they are deprived of employment by the interference of slaves, who engross the same, was preferred and read, and the question put, That the same be referred to the consideration of the next general assembly? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow :

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

Messrs	Hebb	Ireland	Parnham	Dennis	Hopper	Bennett	Forwood	Veatch
	Blakistone	Grahame	Stevens	Griffith	Spencer	Baer	Hughlett	Hilleary
	Hopewell	P Stuart	Bayly	Perrie	Scott	J H Thomas	Tilghman	M'Mahon
	Hodges	Chapman	Gale	Herbert	Hayward	Sappington	Gaither	Tomlinson
	O Williams	Dorsey	Cottman	Beall	Wilson	J Thomas	S Thomas	Reid
	Reynolds							41

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs	Brice	Blake	Brown	Seth	Hart	Davis	Young	Gabby
	Welch	Stansbury	Edmondson	Mitchell	Page	Bayard	R Steuart	Bowles
	Belt	Harryman	Kerr	Porter	Streett	Willis	Bland	Carroll
	Merriken							25

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

A petition from the officers and privates of the 35th and 38th regiments, of Queen-Anne's county, praying additional meetings of regiments and battalions, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Spencer, Mr. Hopper and Mr. Wright, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Davis, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act authorising the inhabitants of the lower end of Bush river neck, in Harford county, to erect a gate on the road leading thereto; which was read the first and second time by especial order, and referred to the next general assembly.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore and Harford counties, praying a road from David Lee's mill, to intersect the post-road leading to Baltimore-town near the bridge at Onion's works, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Stansbury, Mr. Forwood and Mr. Randall, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Spencer, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Hackett, of Queen-Anne's county, an insolvent debtor; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying for a lottery for the purpose of building a church in or near the village of Boonsborough, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Downey and Mr. Bowles, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, the question was put, That the further consideration of the additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to prevent excessive gaming, be referred to the next general assembly of Maryland? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow :

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

Messrs	Hebb	Hodges	P Stuart	Edmondson	Dennis	Hopper	Forwood	Bowles
	Blakistone	Blake	Dorsey	Kerr	Porter	Wilson	Streett	Gaither
	Hopewell	Ireland	Parnham	Seth	Perrie	Bennett	Bland	S Thomas
	Brice	Grahame	Stevens	Gale	Beall	J H Thomas		30

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs	Welch	Reynolds	Randall	Hart	Wright	Sappington	Young	Hilleary
	Belt	Chapman	Brown	Page	Scott	Bayard	Gabby	M'Mahon
	O Williams	Stansbury	Griffith	Herbert	Hayward	Willis	Carroll	Tomlinson
	Merriken	Harryman	Mitchell	Spencer	Baer	Hughlett	Veatch	Reid
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So it was determined in the negative.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the same, and, on progression, the question was put, That the further consideration of the same be referred to the next general assembly? Determined in the negative.

On further progression, the question was put, That the words "before a justice of the peace of the county in which such winner or winners shall reside or be found," be inserted in the second clause after the word "prosecuted?" Determined in the negative.

On motion, the question was put, That the same be recommitted for amendment? Resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Parnham be added to the committee for that purpose.