

port of that seminary has been properly applied. Your committee further report, that the number of scholars at said school, on the second of November, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, was forty-six, as appears by the certificate of Henry L. Davis, one of the professors in said school. The committee feel a pleasure in being able to assure the house, that from the very eligible situation of Charlotte-Hall, the moderate terms upon which board may be obtained, the known talents of the professors, and the attention and activity of the trustees, that school continues to merit the patronage of the legislature, and bids fair to be one of the most flourishing seminaries of learning in this state.

By order,

S. MAYNARD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Mason, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to the public roads in Caroline county, as amended; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill for the relief of Robert Elliott, of Talbot county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

A memorial from William Kilty, of the city of Annapolis, guardian to the children of the late John Rogers, praying an act may pass authorising the sale of the real estate of the deceased, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Harwood, Mr. Duckett and Mr. Hall, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from the trustees of Allegany county school, praying a further bounty from the state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Rice, Mr. Perry and Mr. Orrell, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill to appoint an agent for the year one thousand eight hundred? Resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That Mr. Key, Mr. M'Pherson and Mr. Turner, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Duckett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the report of the visitors and directors of Frederick academy report, that it appears to your committee, that the said visitors and directors have fully complied with the provisions of the act, entitled, An act for the promotion of literature within this state; that they have drawn from the treasury the sum of eight hundred dollars, granted as a donation to said academy by the act aforesaid, and have expended in completing the academy, and providing necessary desks for its different departments, the whole of said sum, except eighty-eight dollars and sixty-six cents, which is still in hand; that the said visitors and directors, in conformity to the directions of the act aforesaid, have returned a catalogue of the students in the said academy, specifying their respective names and places of residence, by which it appears, that there are fifty-seven students in the classical department, twenty-eight in the more advanced English and mathematical school, and thirty-five in the introductory English school, amounting in the whole to the number of one hundred and twenty students in said academy.

Your committee would here remark, that from this flattering statement alone it might reasonably be concluded, that effects extensively beneficial to the community must result from an academy, as yet in its infancy, and every expectation gratified that could have been contemplated by the legislature in making the donation aforesaid; but from the well established characters of the principal and tutors in said academy, and the attention of the visitors and directors in the management of the same, your committee are lead to conclude, that Frederick academy, aided by the fostering hand of the legislature, will be rivalled in usefulness by no seminary in this state.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Turner, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to appoint an agent for the year one thousand eight hundred; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That the said bill have a second reading on Friday the 13th of December next.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, November 27, 1799.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Barber. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

A petition from William Goodwin, Robert Dorsey and Elizabeth Dorsey, of Baltimore county, praying the chancellor may be authorized to receive a certificate made out by Lock Weems, formerly a deputy-surveyor of Anne-Arundel county, and returned to the land-office, but has been lost or millaid, for a tract of land called The Truth Discovery, which certificate was dated the 24th July, 1758, on a warrant granted to Caleb Dorsey, Alexander Lawson and Edward Dorsey, and that patent may issue for the said land, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Barroll, to consider and report thereon.

Petitions from Jonathan Browing, junior, of Montgomery county, Thomas Y. Sprogell, of the city of Washington, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill to lay off and open a certain public road in Talbot county, be committed for amendment.