

Mr. Bruce presents a petition from Joseph Cresup a revolutionary officer; read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. W. G. D. Worthington presents a petition from Joseph Nattali, praying a special act of insolvency; read and referred to Messrs. W. G. D. Worthington, W. Stewart, and M'Henry; and a petition from Mary Smith, of the city of Baltimore, praying for a divorce; read and referred to the committee on similar subjects.

Mr. Nicholson presents a petition from the grand jury of Queen Ann's county, praying that gates may not be erected on public roads; read and referred to the committee on a similar petition. Ordered, that Messrs. Nicholson and Meconiken, be added to the said committee.

The bill to prevent the destruction of sheep in Dorchester county; the bill for the relief of Elizabeth Waters, of Worcester county; the bill to change the place of holding the election in the fourth election district in Worcester county; and the bill for the relief of Issac Lyon, of Frederick county, were read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Loockerman, reports a bill, entitled, an act for the benefit of the children of Thomas Robinson, of Talbot county; which was twice read by special order, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Wootton presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Prince George's county, praying that a road through doctor Macgill's land, may be opened; read and referred to Messrs. Wootton, Clark and Carroll.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the agent for the eastern shore; read and referred to the committee of ways and means.

On motion by Mr. W. G. D. Worthington, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, an act to amend and reduce into system the laws and regulations relating to the appointment of justices of the peace, and to define their jurisdiction and power. Ordered, that Messrs. W. G. D. Worthington, Loockerman, M'Mahon, Merrick and Johnson, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Iglehart, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, an act to enable Joseph Smith, of Anne Arundel county, to purchase and hold real property within this state. Ordered, that Messrs. Iglehart, C. R. Steuart and Hughes, report the same.

The bill for the benefit of Stephen Purnell, of Worcester county; was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Lake, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, an act for the relief of constables. Ordered, that Messrs. Lake, Pitt, Willis, Purnell and Dennis, report the same.

Mr. Semmes, presents a petition from sundry citizens of Prince George's county, praying for the erection of a county jail; read and referred to Messrs. Semmes, E. B. Duvall and Wootton.

On motion by Mr. Millard, the following statement was read.

*Summary statement of payments made by the state of Maryland, on account of the Penitentiary, from the 30th of November, 1821, to the 30th of November, 1823, inclusive.*

Paid the officers attached to said institution on account of their salaries for the year ending October, 1822,	8587 03
Paid ditto ditto for the year ending October 1823.	8576 ——— 17163 03
Paid sundry persons their respective claims against the Maryland Penitentiary, as audited, and reported to the treasurer by the commissioners appointed for that purpose by an act of December session, 1821, chapter 150, amounting to the sum of	27,947 30
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To which add the amount paid to the 30th of November, 1821, as per report made to the house of delegates the 6th of February, 1822. 236,453 95½

Making together the sum of \$281,564 28½  
 Treasury office, December 24th, 1823.

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Mr. Johnson presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of the county and city of Baltimore, praying some alteration in the laws regulating the jurisdiction of justices of the peace; read and referred to the committee appointed to bring in a bill on that subject.

Mr. Linthecum presents a petition from William Bateman, of Anne Arundel county, praying compensation for the tuition of poor children; read and referred to Messrs Linthecum, Howard and Hughes

Mr. W. G. D. Worthington presents a petition from Patrick Blue, praying to be released from a fine; read and referred to Messrs W. G. D. Worthington, W. Stewart and Carroll. Also a petition from James C. Sheid, of the city of Baltimore, praying to be released from a certain penalty; read and referred to Messrs W. G. D. Worthington, Merrick, and W. Stewart.

Mr. Gough reports a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Juliet Owings, of St. Mary's county. Mr. Johnson presents the report of the trustees of Garrison Forrest Academy; which was read.

Mr. Lake presents petitions from Thomas Chapman and Henry Perry, of Dorchester county; read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

On motion by Mr. W. Duvall, leave given to bring in a bill to be entitled, a further additional supplement to the act for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing free schools in the several counties therein mentioned. Ordered, that Messrs W. Duvall, Williams and Peter, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the following resolution was read:  
 Resolved, that all proceedings on the part of this state against John Carter, security of Basil

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