

The house resumed the consideration of the bill to incorporate companies to make several turnpike roads through Baltimore county, and for other purposes, and after sometime spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill to provide for the trial of facts in the several counties of this state, and to alter, change and abolish, all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the general court and court of appeals, be read a second time on Friday next.

The house adjourns until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, December 17, 1804.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Tillotson has leave of absence for a few days.

Petitions from Joseph Hall, of Montgomery county, and Thomas Vaughan, of Baltimore county, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the destruction of crows in Caroline county. ORDERED, That Mr. Potter, Mr. Holbrook and Mr. Hyland, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to alter the time of the meeting of the general assembly of this state, and for other purposes. ORDERED, That Mr. Hyland, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. J. Bayly, Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Stansbury, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to establish an uniform mode for the relief of insolvent debtors. ORDERED, That Mr. J. Bayly, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Scott, Mr. Potter, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Kloyd and Mr. Chapman, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from the field-officers of the 5th, 6th, 27th and 39th regiments of militia, forming the 3d brigade of the militia of the state, stating, that several inconveniencies have been experienced from the present mode of collecting the fines and forfeitures imposed by the militia laws of the state, and praying that a law may pass authorising the lieutenant-colonel of each regiment in the said brigade of the city of Baltimore, and district belonging thereto, to appoint a collector, with powers to recover all fines and forfeitures which may hereafter accrue, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Stephen, Mr. Ellicott and Mr. Stansbury, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Henry Joseph Stier, late a resident of Prince-George's county, now a resident of the city of Antwerp, in the French dominions, praying that a law may pass to enable him to purchase and hold real property without his becoming a citizen of the United States, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Shaaff, Mr. J. Bayly, Mr. Contee and Mr. Chapman, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. J. Bayly, from the committee to whom was recommitted the report on the petition of Isaac Williams, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Isaac Williams, of Dorchester county, report, that they have had the subject matter thereof under consideration, and are satisfied, from sufficient documents, that the petitioner served as a soldier in the revolutionary war from an early period of the same to the end thereof, during which time he discharged his duty in a manner becoming the character of an American patriot, who had, in the cause of liberty, enlisted under the banner of his country; that the said petitioner has not received that portion of land which was intended as a gratuity from the state to the soldiers of the Maryland line, which has been given to others who have rendered similar services to their country; they are therefore of opinion, that the state, in justice to the petitioner, should grant him a lot of the unappropriated lands in Allegany county, and for that purpose recommend the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That the register of the land-office be and he is hereby authorised and directed to enter on the general book containing the names of the officers and soldiers deposited in the land-office, the name of Isaac Williams of Dorchester county, as entitled to lot No. four thousand and sixty-nine of the lands lying westward of Fort Cumberland, in Allegany county, being one of the unappropriated lots of land now remaining of that tract of country set apart by act of assembly for the officers and soldiers in the late revolutionary war.

RESOLVED, That Isaac Williams be and he is hereby entitled to hold, in fee-simple, lot No. four thousand and sixty-nine of the lands westward of Fort Cumberland, in Allegany county, agreeably to the provisions of an act of assembly, entitled, An act to dispose of the reserved lands westward of Fort Cumberland, in Washington county, and to fulfil the engagements made by this state to the officers and soldiers of the Maryland line in the service of the United States, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-eight, upon the same being set apart for him by the register of the land-office on the book containing the original registry of the names of the officers and soldiers, and the lots of land appointed to them respectively.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Robert Morgan, of Harford county, praying that a special act of insolvency may be passed in his favour, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Ayres and Mr. Bond, to consider and report thereon.