

That they deem it improper to grant the prayer of the petitioner, they therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order,

Wm. H. Emory, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Potter delivers the following report:

The committee of pensions and revolutionary claims, beg leave to report—That they have in obedience to an order of the house of delegates, carefully examined the laws of the state regulating the mode of paying the officers and soldiers of the revolutionary war, and are of opinion that they are wholesome, and calculated to protect the interests of the state, and therefore ought not to be repealed.

By order,

Wm. H. Emory, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Chapman from the committee of grievances, and courts of justice, delivers the following report:

The committee of grievances and courts of justice, to whom was referred the petition of John Barnes, clerk of Charles county court, praying for further time to complete his records, have considered the subject of his petition, and report—That it does not appear how far the records of that court are behind. The present clerk has been in office for many years, and the presumption would be, that his records are nearly complete—how far the fact agrees with the presumption, does not appear to the committee. The committee deem it unnecessary to say any thing in addition to the general report made upon the subject of records, in disposing of this case. So far as information has been furnished to the committee, they have been apprised that the records are not completed, by reason of the ill-health of the clerks attached to this office, and the great accumulation of business in this court for several years past, to such an extent, that the clerk has not at all times been able to have his dockets and papers prepared for court. The state has uniformly shewn mercy and indulgence to her officers, and your committee cannot recommend a rigorous execution of the law in this case, lest it should operate with severity upon an officer who may have been prevented from discharging his duty by unavoidable circumstances. The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That John Barnes, clerk of Charles county court, be and he is hereby allowed until the first of January 1828, to complete the records of papers, judgments, and judicial proceedings, remaining in his office unrecorded, which were required to be recorded under the act of 1817, ch. 119, or which were required by any previous act of assembly to be recorded; Provided, that nothing contained in this resolution shall operate to prevent any person or persons from instituting suit upon the office bond of the said John Barnes, who may consider himself, herself or themselves, aggrieved or injured by his failure to record any papers or proceedings of Charles county court, which were required to be recorded by law.

By order,

Wm. H. Emory, Clk.

Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, Ordered, That the report of the treasurer on the claim of the representatives of Thomas C. Deye, be entered on the journal.

The resolution in favour of the representatives of Ninian Pinkney, was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Maxcy, the question was put, That the blank be filled up with \$1500?

The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow: