

prescribe their jurisdiction, be enlarged, by the appointment of two additional members.

The Speaker thereupon appointed Messrs. Hood and Boyd on said committee,

On motion of Mr. Crisfield,

Ordered, That the Governor and Council be requested to furnish to this house all the information in their possession in reference to the revision of the laws—how far the work has advanced, when it will be completed, and what will be its probable cost.

Mr. Kerr submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the State Librarian be directed to include in the list of books already authorised to be procured from London "The works of Sir George Calvert," compiled in one volume, folio, and printed in the early part of the 17th century, at London.

Which was read the first, and by a special order the second time, and assented to.

Mr. Boyd, chairman of the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, made a favorable report upon the petition of James Cochran, a soldier of the revolution, accompanied with the following resolution:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby authorised and directed to pay to James Cochran, or order, out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury, the half pay of a private during his life, as a further remuneration for his services during the revolutionary War;

Which was read the first, and by a special order the second time, the report concurred in, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

Mr. Ferry submitted the following preamble and resolutions;

Whereas, it is important to the interest and prosperity of a large portion of the people of this State, and of the United States, that the coal trade should be protected; and whereas propositions are now pending, and may from time to time be introduced in the house of Congress affecting materially the said trade, by a reduction of the duties on imported coal; and whereas a deep interest is felt by a large number of the citizens of this State on the subject; and whereas the State has a large amount of capital invested in works of great magnitude, and from which the trade in coal, it is believed, large profits will arise; and whereas the proposed reduction, if made, will affect materially said trade; therefore,