

whereof he is unable to pay, may be refunded; which was read and referred to Messrs. Lecompte, Griffith, John Stewart, Plater and L. Duvall.

Mr. Lecompte from the committee delivers a bill entitled, An act authorising John Newton, late sheriff and collector of Dorchester county to complete his collections; which was read.

On motion by Mr. A. E. Jones, *Ordered*, That the executive be requested to furnish to this house a statement of the number of arms distributed throughout the State, since the commencement of the present year, to what particular counties such arms have been forwarded, and the number and kind to each county.

Mr. Thomas N. Williams delivers a petition from Cornelius Ennis; a petition from John Hancock; and a petition from Charity Tarr of Worcester county, severally praying that the levy court of Worcester county may be authorised to levy a sum of money for their support; which were severally read and referred to Messrs. Thomas N. Williams, Handy and Wilson.

Mr. Wright delivers a petition from Thomas Tillotson, praying that a law may pass to confirm the title of himself and others, the heirs of John Chaires, to certain lands therein mentioned, which had been purchased of James O'Bryon of Queen Anne's county; which was read and referred to Messrs. Wright, Emory and L. Duvall.

Mr. L. Duvall delivers a petition from Polly Holland of the city of Annapolis, praying that the levy court of Anne-Arundel county may be authorised to levy a sum of money for the support of herself and children; which was read and referred to Messrs. L. Duvall, Marriott and Wm. Hall.

Mr. Wilson delivers a petition from Jesse Wright of Worcester county, a revolutionary soldier, praying relief; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Perry, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, An act to alter and repeal such parts of the constitution and form of government of this State, as relate to the division of Allegany county into election districts; *Ordered*, That Messrs. Perry, M'Culloh and Cresap be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

According to the order of the day, the house proceeded to the second reading of the report on the memorial of the Potomac Company, and the said report being read throughout and amended, the question was put, That the house concur with the report and assent to the resolution therein contained? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Millard, Plater, Blackstone, Causin, Wm. Stuart, Wm. Hall, Reynolds, Taney, Turner, Stonestreet, Parnham, Ford, Hambleton, Caldwell, Banning, Seth, John Stewart, Lecompte, Luby, Hogg, Frey, Somervell, Callis, L. Duvall, Wright, Emory, Stevens, T. N. Williams, Wilson, Handy, Graham, Potter, Young, Hughlett, M'Donald, Bowles, Lewis, Wm. B. Williams, Sprigg, Abraham Jones, Crabb, R ggs, Perry, M'Culloh, Robinett, Cresap—46.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Marriott, Belt, Emerson, Stansbury, Harryman, Warner, Bayly, Randall, A. E. Jones, Waller, Griffith, Claude, Sanders, Forwood, (of Jacob,) Barney—15.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Emerson delivers a petition from Edward Reynolds, executor of Thomas Reynolds and Richard Machall, surviving executor of Benjamin Machall of Calvert county, praying that certain monies in the treasury of the State, arising from the sale of William and Robert Mollison's property, may be applied to the payment of debts due from said Mollisons to the testators of the petitioners; which was read and referred to Messrs. Emerson, Bowles and Turner.

Mr. Turner delivers a petition from William Robert Sewall of Calvert county, an insolvent debtor, praying relief; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. A. E. Jones delivers a bill entitled, An act for the relief of John Landreth of Somerset county; which was read.

Mr. Perry from the committee delivers a bill entitled, An act to alter and repeal such parts of the constitution and form of government of this State as relate to the division of Allegany county into election districts; which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property within this State, endorsed, "will not pass;" and the following message:

BY THE SENATE, Nov. 27, 1812.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We return you the bill entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property within this State, having refused to pass the same in its present shape, because we consider it evidently as an infringement of the constitution, and as trespassing upon, and narrowing those rights made sacred to us by that instrument. It was viewed in this light by your branch of the legislature last year, and if an appropriation of money in the treasury can bring it under the denomination of a money bill, it is clearly one; these we are precluded from altering or amending, and you also are forbid to blend with such any "matter, clause, or thing, not immediately relating to, and necessary for the imposing, assessing, levying or applying the taxes or supplies to be raised for the support of government, or the current expences of the State." The propriety therefore of the course pursued in relation to this bill, will be perceived more especially as the appropriation contained in it might be provided for by a separate bill or resolution.

By order,

THOS. ROGERS, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Harryman delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying that the levy court of said county may be authorised to levy an additional sum of money for the purpose of building a bridge over Jones' Falls; which was read and referred to Messrs. Harryman, Stansbury, Barney, Randall and Warner.

The report on the petition of James Hood, (of John,) of Baltimore county, was read the second time, concurred in, and the resolution therein contained assented to.