

in the service of his country during the civil dissensions of 1794-95, and solely in consequence of the fatigues and privations of that service; that before the adoption of the rule by which her case has been excluded in your honorable body, it was at all times competent for her to have successfully applied for a pension, and that she has abstained from so doing for the space of twenty years or upwards, until all other resources failing, she has been driven to the painful necessity of addressing herself in the last resort to the generosity of that state which has not hitherto turned a deaf ear to such applications, and which has always experienced a pleasure in visiting the good deeds of the meritorious officers upon the nearest and dearest objects of his affection; we conceive that upon reconsideration you can have no objection to the passage of the prayer of the petitioner. All which is respectfully submitted.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clk.

And delivered a bill for appointing a printer to the state, which was read the first, and by special order, a second and third time, amended, passed with the proposed amendment, and returned to the house of delegates.

Amendment proposed.—Strike out all but the enacting clause of the bill and insert: "that the executive be, and they are hereby authorised to contract upon the best terms for the printing of the laws and the votes and proceedings of the present session of the legislature in the same manner they have heretofore been printed, and that they require of the person with whom they may contract, the same obligations for the faithful performance of the duty which have been usually required of the printer to the state, and the sum to be allowed shall not exceed twelve hundred dollars." Strike out the title and insert "a bill entitled, an act providing for the printing of the laws and votes and proceedings of the present session of the legislature."

The president laid before the senate the following letter, which was read:—

FEBRUARY 20th, 1824.

DEAR SIR,—The situation of my domestic concerns compel me to resign my seat in the senate of Maryland. It is a distinction to which my ambition would at all times aspire, and which therefore I relinquish with great reluctance. I cannot omit the present occasion of rendering my warmest acknowledgments to yourself and the gentlemen of the senate, for the friendship and confidence with which they honored me during the whole of my servise among them.

Accept, dear sir, my best wishes for your welfare and happiness, WILLIAM PRICE.

To the honorable WM. R. STEWART, President of the Senate.

Mr. Johnson offered the following message, which was read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates, with the resolution to which it refers.

BY THE SENATE, February 25th, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*—The senate have reconsidered the resolution in favor of Elizabeth Armstrong, of Allegany county, and are compelled to adhere to their first vote. The pension fund amounts now nearly to \$20,000; and with a view to prevent its increase, the present senate, when it was first called on to act on this subject, adopted certain general rules which they have in all cases adhered to—one of those rules was, that no widow who was not the wife of the revolutionary soldier during the war, should be placed on the pension list; the senate supposed, that neither justice or liberality demanded, that one who had not shared in any way in the toils and troubles of the war should receive a bounty, which ought to be confined exclusively to those who partook of the troubles of that day.

By order,

WILLIAM KILTY, Clerk.

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, February 26, 1824.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered the following messages—which were read.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Feb. 25, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*—We have received your message assigning reasons for the rejection of the resolution respecting the commission of the states' agents. We apprehend the resolution has been misconceived, it never having been the intention of this house that the "states' agents should collect and charge commission indiscriminately, on any of the revenue of the state that might be paid into their hands," and the resolution strictly confines the allowance to "money due at the time of the appointment of said agents, and collected by their exertions and attention." We therefore return the said resolution, hoping that your honorable body will upon reconsideration assent to it.

By order, J. BREWER, Clk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, February 25, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*—We have received your message proposing to close the session this evening, and from a view we have taken of the business yet to be acted upon (of importance to the state) we are confident it will not be possible for us to close the session until to-morrow.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Feb. 25, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*—We have rejected your amendment to the resolution repealing so much of a resolution passed at November session 1785, as authorised the payment of twenty five pounds per annum to the messenger of the executive council, and the resolution No. 56, passed at December session 1819—We return the said resolution, hoping that you will on reconsideration recede from your amendment. In the annual bill for the payment of the civil list, a specific sum has been given to that officer in lieu of all former allowances, including that made under the resolution first aforesaid. The resolution sent up, does not propose