

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and sent to the senate, together with the resolution directing the mode of electing senators to represent this state in the senate of the United States, by Mr. Murray.

ORDERED, That Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Faw, Mr. Chase and Mr. Norris, be added to the committee on the petition of the trustees of the poor of Baltimore county.

Mr. O'Neale, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of James Doran, late a soldier in the army of the United States, beg leave to report, that they have examined the allegations therein contained, and find them true.

Your committee are therefore of opinion, that a resolution ought to pass, directing the orphans court of Prince-George's county to grant the half-pay to the aforesaid James Doran, in like manner as to other invalids,—and that the treasurer of the western shore pay the same upon the order of the said orphans court,—which the auditor-general shall charge to the United States.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. William Banckes, a delegate returned for Caroline county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took his seat in the house.

William Perry, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from Sarah Buchanan, Alexander Cowan and John Taylor, praying the suspension of any process against them, on account of a certain sale made to Thomas Cockey Deye, Esquire, endorsed; "By the senate, December 5, 1788: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was read, and referred to Mr. F. Bowie, Mr. Scott, Mr. Digges, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Cruzfurd, Mr. J. Tilghman and Mr. Pinkney, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Edward Jenkins, of Charles county, praying an act may pass, empowering him to take into his possession the books and papers of Edward Ware, deputy-sheriff and collector of Charles county, for whom he became security, and to enable him to collect the balances due, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Dent, Mr. O'Neale, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Quynn and Mr. Houston, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Benjamin Cawood, former collector of the taxes for Charles county, praying the treasurer may be directed to return him the specie which he has paid into the treasury, and that he may be allowed to pay state securities in lieu thereof; was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed to consider and report on the petition of Edward Jenkins.

A memorial from John Gwinn, praying he may be indemnified by law for not having passed his bond, with security, antecedent to the execution of his office as clerk of the general court of the western shore, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Dent, Mr. Chase, Mr. J. Tilghman, Mr. Potts and Mr. Shaw, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Quynn, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the creditors of Anthony Stewart; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the benefit of Jehu Bowen, a late officer in the continental army, endorsed; "By the senate, December 3, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 6, 1788: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

John Smith, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from Samuel Sterett, attorney for Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Vanstaphorst, of the 24th of November last, enclosing the contract account for the year 1788, to his excellency the governor and the council; and a letter of the same date to Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Thomas Johnson and Uriah Forrest, Esquires, commissioners appointed by the act of assembly to procure a permanent fund for the debt due to Messieurs Vanstaphorst, respecting the loan negotiated by them; and also a letter from Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and Uriah Forrest, Esquires, of this day, in answer thereto; endorsed; "By the senate, December 6, 1788: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was read.

Daniel Carroll, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message :

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 6, 1788.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have assented to your amendments proposed to the resolution directing the mode of electing senators to represent this state in the senate of the United States.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

The house resumed the consideration of the order of the day, and after examining witnesses on behalf of the fitting members, referred the same for further consideration till 5 o'clock.

Mr. Kerr appeared in the house. Mr. Gwinn has leave of absence.

The house adjourns till 5 o'clock.