

join the gentlemen named in your message to count the ballots. No person is put in nomination in addition to the gentlemen mentioned by you.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

Mr. Scott, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report :

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Martha Raisin, widow of the late lieutenant William B. Raisin, of Kent county, report, that at the last session of assembly a resolution passed, directing the treasurer of the eastern shore to pay unto the said William B. Raisin, late a lieutenant in the revolutionary war, a sum of money equal to half pay as a lieutenant, annually, in quarterly payments, during his life, as a further reward for those meritorious services which he rendered his country in establishing her liberty and independence; that the said William B. Raisin departed this life, after a long spell of indisposition and illness, leaving behind him the memorialist and four infant children, the eldest of whom is only in his thirteenth year, and the youngest in its third year; that the said William B. Raisin left the said Martha Raisin and her children in circumstances of extreme indigence; that neither the said William B. Raisin, or the said Martha, have derived any benefit under the said resolution; which facts appearing to your committee to be true, they therefore submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the eastern shore pay to the order of Benjamin Chambers, James Houston and Thomas Worrell, Esquires, or a majority of them, (to be by them laid out and expended for the use of Martha Raisin, widow of William B. Raisin, late a lieutenant in the revolutionary war, and Philip Raisin, Cyrus Raisin, Anne Raisin and Rachel Raisin, infant children of the said William B. Raisin,) for seven years, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a lieutenant in the late revolutionary army.

By order,

C. GIBSON, clk.

Which was read the first and second time by especial order, and the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message :

BY THE SENATE, January 27, 1806.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

WE accede to your proposition to proceed immediately to the election of two directors on the part of this state in the Farmers Bank of Maryland. No person is put in nomination by the senate in addition to the gentlemen named by your house. The senate concur in the resolution annexed to your message. Mr. Ringgold and Mr. Brown are appointed by the senate to join in the examination of the ballots.

By order,

T. W. HALL, clk.

Which was read.

The following message was agreed to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 27, 1806.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have returned you the bill, entitled, An act appropriating a sum of money for the erection of a penitentiary, to which you refused your assent, with a reliance that upon reconsideration it will meet your concurrence. It appears to us, that upon every principle of wholesome policy and public expediency, it is a bill of primary importance, and eminently merits the sanction of the legislature. Impressed with the wisdom of the measure, our immediate predecessors, at the last session of the assembly, appropriated the sum of twenty thousand dollars, to be raised by the fines, forfeitures, amerciaments and licences, arising within the city and county of Baltimore, to this useful and important object. Upon the faith of this appropriation, the gentlemen who have favoured the state with their services as commissioners, have borrowed a considerable sum of money, as they were authorised to do by the language of the resolution, and applied the money so obtained to the purchase of a site and materials to complete the undertaking. From the defective and inexplicit terms in which the resolution is couched, it appears that even that sum has not, and cannot be, applied to the important object contemplated, without some supplemental or explanatory act to cure the defect. To effect this indispensable purpose is in some degree the object of the bill negatived by you. It moreover directs an additional appropriation of twenty thousand dollars, to be paid out of the treasury of the state, for the purpose of enabling the commissioners to go on with this useful work, and thereby avoid the absolute waste of the money already applied to this purpose. To you, we are well assured, it is unnecessary to enlarge upon the wisdom and humanity of the design, and the happy consequences which will flow from carrying it into effect. Upon this subject our speculative inquiries are aided by the lights of experience, arising from the practical effects of similar establishments in our sister states. In consequence of certain improvements dictated by the spirit of useful enterprize, the three great roads leading from the city of Baltimore will shortly be placed under the exclusive control and management of the companies incorporated for that purpose; hence a considerable derangement will necessarily arise in the present system of feudal jurisprudence. To meet this event it appears to us to be the duty of the legislature to make provision at the present period, in order that this institution may be ready for the reception of state offenders, when the legislature shall, as they no doubt will, adopt a reform in the penal code. We