

life, with a wife and nine children dependent on him for support, borne down with infirmities, consequent on the labour and fatigue he sustained at an early period of his life, while fighting the battles of his country, and in possession of pecuniary resources too narrow to afford a comfortable maintenance to himself, and those most dear to him; they therefore recommend the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed and required to pay unto Vachel Burgess, of the county of Anne-Arundel, late a lieutenant in the Maryland line during 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 to those invaluable services which he rendered his country in securing her liberty and independence.

By order,

R. WELCH, jun. clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Chapman and Mr. Sanders, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act authorising the erection of gates on the public roads in the counties therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Chapman, Mr. Perrie and Mr. Hayward, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

ORDERED, That the commander in chief of the militia of this state be requested to take immediate measures to cause a report to be made to this house of the number and state of the public arms and accoutrements, and in whose companies the same are.

A petition from William Dawson, of Cæcil county, stating that he had been a soldier in the revolutionary army, and praying to be placed on the pension list, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Veazey and Mr. Porter, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Young, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorise a lottery to raise a sum of money for building a school-house in the village of Denton, in Caroline county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Robert Halkerstone, of Charles county, stating that he had been an officer in the late revolutionary army, and by a wound then received is rendered unable to support himself and family, and praying some relief, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Chapman, Mr. Belt, Mr. P. Stuart, Mr. J. H. Thomas and Mr. Gale, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from John Trueman, an old revolutionary officer, praying some assistance, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Robert Halkerstone.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to repeal part of an act of assembly therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. J. H. Thomas, Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Tilghman, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

S A T U R D A Y, November 19, 1808.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

A petition from the trustees of the male free-school of Baltimore, praying to be incorporated, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Stansbury, Mr. Harryman, Mr. Randall, Mr. Spencer and Mr. Bland, to consider and report thereon.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the treasurer of the western shore, suggesting the propriety of appointing an agent; which was read, and referred to the committee appointed to examine the existing funds of the state.

Mr. Herbert, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to make public a road in Prince-George's county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to repeal part of an act of assembly therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Dawson, of Cæcil county, late a brave and worthy soldier in the revolutionary war, report, that they have had the same under consideration, and find, from ample testimony, that he was a citizen of the state of Maryland, and a brave and good soldier during the revolutionary war; that he is now aged, and labours under many infirmities, the effect of the great exposure, fatigue and labour, which he experienced in fighting the battles of his country, which secured liberty and independence to America, from which he is rendered unable, in his advanced age, to procure a support for himself and family; with this view of his case, your committee, under the impression that it becomes the peculiar duty of a dignified state, whose treasury abounds with wealth, to provide for the unfortunate and meritorious soldier, who spent the prime and vigour of his life in fighting her battles and in procuring her rights, recommend the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed and required to pay to William Dawson, of Cæcil county, late a meritorious soldier in the revolutionary war, or to his order, in quarterly