

Mr. Hopkins presented the petition of Cassandra Sappington widow of Dr. Richard Sappington, a revolutionary officer, praying for a pension ;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Powder presented a report of the Clover Hill Academy in Carroll county ;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice.

On motion of Mr. Murray,

Leave was granted Messrs. Murray, Johnson and Semmes, to bring in a bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act for the general valuation and assessment of property in this State, and to provide a tax to pay the debts of the State, passed at March session 1841, ch. 23.

On motion of Mr. Waters of Somerset,

Leave was granted Messrs. Waters of Somerset, Lankford, Philips and Dennis, to bring in a bill to make valid the proceedings of the commissioners of Somerset county.

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

Ordered, That he have leave to withdraw from the files of the House, certain papers filed in the application of the heirs of Philip J. Smith for relief.

On the motion of Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That the President and Directors of the Tide Water Canal Company, be requested to furnish to this House, at the earliest practicable date, an account of the receipts and expenditures of the Tide Water and Susquehanna Canals for the year 1843.

Mr. Yellott, chairman of the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, made an unfavorable report upon the leave to bring in a bill to alter and change the Constitution and Form of Government of this State, so as to reduce the term of State Senators from six to three years, and to elect one-third of the whole number of said Senators annually instead of biennially ;

Which was twice read and concurred in.

Mr. Yellott, chairman of same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate entitled, an act to authorise John New-comer, former sheriff of Washington county, to execute a certain deed, reported the same with the following amendment,

Amendment proposed :

At the end of the bill, add the following proviso :

“Provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to impair the rights of third persons, which may have accrued since the return of said sheriff, and before the passage of this act.”

Which was read and assented to.

The said bill was then read the first, and by a special order the second time and passed.