

tled, an act to reduce the salaries of all officers paid out of the State Treasury one-fourth.

On motion of Mr. Phelps,

The House then took a recess until 5 o'clock, P. M.

FIVE O'CLOCK, P. M.

A sufficient number of members not appearing to form a quorum.

On motion of Mr. Owen,

The sergeant at-arms was sent with the mace after the absent members, to compel their attendance in the House, the roll being first called, and a list of the absent members placed in his hands.

After being absent for a short time, the sergeant-at-arms returned accompanied by a sufficient number of members to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The clerk of the Senate delivered the engrossed bills of the Senate, from number two hundred and thirteen to number two hundred and thirty, inclusive :

Which were read, assented to, and returned to the Senate.

Mr. Freeman chairman of the committee on engrossed bills, delivered the following report :

The committee on engrossed bills beg leave to report that they have examined the engrossed bills of the House of Delegates, from number one hundred and thirty, to number two hundred and twelve (inclusive,) and from number two hundred and thirty-one, to number two hundred and fifty nine (inclusive,) and compared the same with the originals as passed by the two Houses of the General Assembly, since the commencement of the present session, and that they have found the same to be truly engrossed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN D. FREEMAN, Chairman.

Which was twice read and concurred in.

The engrossed bills of the House of Delegates from number one hundred and thirty to number two hundred and twelve inclusive, and from number two hundred and thirty-one to number two hundred and fifty-nine inclusive ;

Were severally read, assented to, and sent to the Senate.

The clerk of the Senate returned the said bills ;

Severally endorsed "read and assented to."

Mr. Chapman presented the petition of Sarah Simpson of Charles county, the widow of a revolutionary soldier, praying for a pension :