

phans court of Baltimore county, and a certified copy of which was offered in evidence in the circuit court of the United States. At the February term 1825, of the supreme court of the United States, it was decided, that according to the laws of Maryland, a copy of a will relating to lands was not evidence in a cause, wherein the title to land was included, and consequently could not be evidence in Tennessee. The prayer of the petitioners is, that for the purposes of justice, the register of the orphans court may be empowered to give them the original will to produce it in evidence. No other person, than the petitioners, being interested in the matter, the prayer appears to be reasonable and a bill is accordingly reported for that purpose.

And a bill, entitled, An act for the delivery of the will of Solomon Kitts; which were read.

Mr. Potter, chairman of the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, delivers the following reports:

The committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, to whom was referred the petition of John Bond, of Hampshire county, in the state of Virginia, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to John Bond, of Hampshire county, in the state of Virginia, or to his order, during life, in quarterly annual payments, the half pay of a sergeant, as a further remuneration for his services during the revolutionary war.

By order, Wm. H. Emory, Clk.

The committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Smith, of Frederick county, have had the same under their consideration, and beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore, pay to Daniel Smith, of Frederick county, or to his order, during life, in quarterly annual payments, the half pay of a private, as a further remuneration for his services during the revolutionary war.

By order, Wm. H. Emory, Clk.

The committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, to whom was referred the petition of Thos. Arrett Sewell, of the city of Baltimore, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report—That they think he is not entitled to a pension; they therefore recommend that he have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order, Wm. H. Emory, Clk.

Which were read.

Mr. Ridgaway reports a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act to incorporate the trustees of Church Hill Academy, in Queen-Anne's county.

And Mr. Potter reports a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act to provide for the prompt settlement and final close of the concerns of the Bank of Caroline, passed at Dec. session 1824, ch. 163; which were severally twice read by special order, passed, and sent to the senate.

The message relative to the University of Maryland, was read the second time. The speaker filled the blank with Messrs. Maxcy and Merrick, and the message was assented to and sent to the senate.

Mr. Sappington obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to regulate the fees of certain officers, as far as relate to Frederick county. Ordered, That Messrs. Sappington, Farquhar and Cockey, report the same