

Mr. Chapman reports said bill.

Mr. Duvall delivers the following report:

The committee, on the militia, to whom was referred numerous petitions for a repeal or amendment of the militia laws of this state, and an order adopted by this house requiring the committee to revise, correct, and consolidate the law, and its several supplements, have had the same under their consideration. Your committee are well satisfied of the urgent necessity that exists for the adoption of a uniform system of laws to organize and regulate the militia; and to obviate most of the objections to the laws now in force, which arise more from their multiplicity than insufficiency, they beg leave to report a bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state.

And a bill, entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Kennedy, the following resolution was read:

By the House of Delegates, Feb. 15, 1826.

Whereas by an act of congress, passed on the 15th day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and twenty, entitled, "An act designating the ports within which only foreign armed vessels shall be permitted to enter," and which act excluded the ports of Baltimore, Annapolis, and all others within the state of Maryland: And whereas, the said act, is no longer in force, having expired by its own limitation; yet inasmuch as that fact is not yet generally known in Europe, the West Indies, and other foreign countries, and as the ports in Maryland, particularly those on the Chesapeake bay, and its waters, are very safe for ships of war to resort to, particularly in the hurricane months, and the winter season, and where they can be supplied, on reasonable terms, with provisions and stores of every kind, therefore,

Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorized and required, to issue their proclamation, giving notice that all the ports in the state of Maryland are open to receive foreign armed vessels of every nation, and that they may there lay in provisions, water, and stores of every kind, on moderate terms, and where they may ride at anchor in safety from storms and tempests.

On motion by Mr. Speed, the following resolution was read:

Resolved, That the senators and representatives of this state in the congress of the United States, be requested to use their exertions to have the route examined from Washington city through Frederick-town and Harper's Ferry, to Winchester, in Virginia, with the view of ascertaining the best and most proper location for the contemplated road from Washington city to New Orleans.

On motion by Mr. Perry, the following resolution was twice read by special order, assented to, and sent to the senate.

Whereas by a resolution passed at December session 1818, No. 41, Joseph Cresap, of Allegany county, was placed upon the pension list, as a further compensation for his services as a lieutenant during the revolutionary war; and by a resolution passed at December session 1821, No. 62, the said resolution was rescinded, in consequence of its being represented that the said Joseph Cresap was at that time wealthy.

And whereas, from losses sustained by the said Joseph Cresap, in consequence of endorsing for others in the Cumberland Bank of Allegany, he is now greatly embarrassed, and has a large family to support, therefore Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay unto Joseph Cresap, of Allegany county, or his order, quarterly, each and every year, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a lieutenant, during