

to confer with the legislature of Pennsylvania, at its present session, or with commissioners appointed, or to be appointed by them, on the subject of the ascending navigation of the Susquehanna.

Resolved, That the said commissioners, when appointed, enter immediately on the duties of their office, and after they shall have fulfilled them, report to the general assembly of Maryland.

Mr. Kennedy presents a petition from sundry citizens of Washington and Frederick counties, praying that the use of chesnut heading may not be prohibited from being used in flour barrels; referred to the committee appointed to bring in a bill relative to the inspection of flour.

Mr. Rogerson delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Robert Crain, of Charles county, beg leave to report—that they have had the petition, and the accompanying documents, under their serious consideration, and are of the opinion, that the levy court to whom the petitioner first made his application for relief, is the proper and most competent tribunal, to decide on the petitioner's claim, they therefore can see no good reason why the legislature should reverse the decision of the levy court, or in any manner interfere; they therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition. All which is most respectfully submitted.

By order,

W. H. Mitchell, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Maxey appears in the house.

Mr. Millard presents a petition from John Llewellen, and Mary his wife, praying to be authorised to mortgage real estate for certain purposes; referred to Messrs. Millard, Kilgour and Hawkins.

The bill to regulate the manner of giving public notice in cases required by law, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill for the relief of Solomon Etting, of the city of Baltimore, was read the second time, passed, and returned to the senate.

The bill relating to evidence in civil cases, was read the second time.

Mr. Williams moved the following amendment:

“Provided, however, that such witness or witnesses shall not, at the time of trial, reside in the county in which such action may have been brought.” Determined in the negative. The bill was then passed and returned to the senate.

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

Whereas William Lewis, of Washington county, served for several years in the Maryland line during the revolutionary war, and was afterwards honoured, by the illustrious Washington, with a captain's commission, and fought under the gallant Wayne in the war against the Indians, which terminated in a complete victory. And whereas, the said William Lewis is now far advanced in life, and reduced in circumstances, and like Belisarius of old, is also blind, and totally unfit to support himself, by his bodily exertions; and as it has been the policy of the state of Maryland to reward her veteran heroes, and this policy has always been universally approved by the people, therefore,

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to William Lewis, of Washington county, or to his order, during life, in quarterly payments, the half pay of a captain, in consideration of his valuable military services, both in the revolutionary war, and in the war against the Indians.

Mr. Millard reports a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John