

the state of the public arms at this place, and report the condition thereof, beg leave to report—

That in obedience to said instruction, the committee have visited the several apartments of the state house where the arms, camp equipage and accoutrements, are deposited in charge of the armourer. They found 1709 stand of arms, in a good state of preservation, in a room fitted up for that purpose. But your committee would suggest, that the walls of this apartment impart too great a degree of moisture for the safe preservation of arms rendered fit for service, and would recommend the lining of the side walls with cloth. In visiting the other apartments they found 1392 stand of arms, returned in from the militia, out of order, a very great proportion of which are condemned, and unfit for use. There might be selected about 400 stand of arms, which, with some repairs, might be rendered fit for service. The camp equipage and accoutrements, are in as good a state of preservation as the limited accommodation for the armourer will allow. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the governor and council be authorised to contract, upon the best terms, for the repairs and preservation of such portion of the arms, now deposited in the state house, as they may deem advisable to have repaired.

Which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution relative to the state's claim against the United States, endorsed "assented to."

And the bill to incorporate the Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland Steam Navigation Company, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read.

The bill for the relief of James Mobly, and wife, of Prince-George's county, was read the second time, passed, and returned to the senate.

Mr. Barnes obtained leave to withdraw the bill to repeal an act, entitled, An act to compensate the adjutant-general of this state.

The bill to repeal in part an act, entitled, An act directing the time, places and manner of holding elections for representatives of this state in the congress of the United States, and for appointing electors on the part of this state for choosing a president and vice-president of the United States, and for the regulation of the said elections, and also to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned, passed December the 14th 1799, chap. 16, was read the second time, passed, and returned to the senate.

On the second reading of the bill to incorporate the Maryland Academy of Science and Literature,

Mr. Tyson moved to add the following to the first section:

"Provided the annual income of said society shall not exceed ten thousand dollars." Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Williams moved to strike out the words "fifty years," in the clause limiting the continuance of the charter, for the purpose of inserting "fifteen years." Determined in the negative.

The bill was then passed, and returned to the senate.

The house, according to the order of the day, proceeded to the second reading of the bill to provide for taking the sense of the people of this state on the expediency of calling a convention, to reform the constitution of Maryland, and for other purposes.