

and patriots of the revolution, will all, soon, bid the world farewell, and can never see another year of jubilee, and as it is the duty of nations to keep in remembrance the days on which they were delivered from bondage, therefore,

Resolved by the general assembly of Maryland, That the fourth day of July next be set apart, and recommended to the people of this state, to be kept and observed as a day of thanksgiving and rejoicing, and of sending portions, one to another, and gifts to the poor, of relieving debtors from prison, and making the fiftieth Anniversary of American Independence a glad and joyful day.

On motion by Mr. McCulloh, the following resolution was read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

Whereas, the assistant clerk of the present house of delegates, at the particular instance and request of a committee thereof, has rendered special and important services to said committee, by revising the several laws in relation to officers fees, &c. and perfecting a general system on that subject, which has been reported to this house, and found well worthy its consideration. And as it is but reasonable and proper such services should meet a just reward; therefore Resolved, That the committee of claims be, and they are hereby, instructed and authorised, to allow, on the journal of accounts, to Gideon Pearce, such sum as the said committee of claims may, in their judgment, consider a just and reasonable remuneration for the performance of said special services.

Resolved that the bill, entitled, "An act to amend and reduce into one system the several acts of assembly respecting officer's fees, for the better regulation of said fees, to establish a more equitable and uniform mode of charging them among the several and respective public officers throughout this state, and for other purposes," be specially referred and recommended to the early consideration of the next general assembly; and that the same be reprinted, under the superintendence and direction of the assistant clerk of this house, with such corrections and modifications thereof as he may consider necessary and proper to make, and be distributed among the members on the first day of the next session, in order that the subject may receive the earliest attention of the legislature.

Mr. Speed obtained leave to withdraw the petition and papers of Ann Merriken.

The bill to authorise the levy court of Calvert county to sell the poor-house in said county, and for other purposes, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill to regulate the manner of obtaining and altering public roads in Baltimore county; and the bill for the benefit of the infant children of Benjamin B. Wroth, late of Kent county, deceased, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.