

On motion by Mr. Kell, the question was put, That the word "members" in the 24th rule be stricken out, and that the word "house" be inserted in lieu thereof? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Blackistone, the question was put, That the house reconsider the 35th rule for the purpose of inserting after the word "place" the word "uncovered?" Resolved in the affirmative.

The report being read throughout as amended, the question was put, That the house adopt the same? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. M. Donald delivers a bill, entitled, An act to change the place of holding the elections in the third election district in Caroline county; which was read.

Mr. Kell delivers a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company of Maryland; which was read.

Mr. Potts delivers a petition from Elizabeth Hauer, of Frederick county, praying that the register of the land office for the western shore may be authorised to issue a patent on a certificate obtained by her without requiring the payment of the usual escheat money; which was read and referred to Messrs. Potts, Davis and Howard.

Mr. Ridgely from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Allen Townsend of Allegany county, beg leave to report, That they have had the same under consideration, and find the facts stated therein to be true, they therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Allen Townsend, or his order, annually, in quarterly payments, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a private, as a further remuneration for those services by which his country has been so essentially benefitted.

By order,

S. FOUNTAIN, Clk.

Which was read.

The bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the square in the town of Boonsborough, in Washington county, to Swearingen's ferry on the Potomac river, and the bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of John Shick, of Washington county, were severally read the second time and passed.

On motion by Mr. Williams, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Richard Bartlett, of Washington county. Ordered, That Messrs. Williams, Bowles and Hager, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Banning delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the sale of a house and lot at the Hole in the Wall, in Talbot county, for the benefit of Susan and Lydia Cox, the infant daughters of Charles Cox, deceased; which was read the first and second time by special order and passed.

Mr. Washington delivers a petition from William Law, a soldier of the revolution, praying relief; which was read and referred to Messrs. Washington, R. Dorsey and Lanham.

Mr. W. Stewart delivers a memorial from the Union Beneficial Society of Baltimore, praying for an act of incorporation; which was read and referred to Messrs. W. Stewart, Kell and Bradford.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, December 5, 1816.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate is formed and ready to proceed with the business of the session. We propose to sit for the dispatch of public business from ten o'clock in the morning until three o'clock in the afternoon.

By order,

R. HARWOOD, Clk.

Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Bowles, the question was put, That the house reconsider the order relative to the hour fixed for the meeting of the house? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Bowles, the question was put, That the word "nine" be stricken out of the said order and the word "ten" inserted in lieu thereof? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the house adopt the order as amended? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Harrison delivers a bill, entitled, An act respecting the right of challenge in criminal cases; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Harrison, Ordered, That the said bill be made the order of the day for Wednesday next.

Mr. Davis delivers a bill, entitled, An act to provide for completing the unfinished records of the orphans court of Frederick county; which was read the first and second time by special order and passed.

Mr. Williams delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Richard Bartlett; which was read.

Mr. Duvall delivers a petition from Joseph Simmons, of the city of Annapolis, praying that the levy court of Anne-Arundel county may be authorised to levy a sum of money for his support; which was read and referred to Messrs. Duvall, R. Dorsey and Sellman.

Mr. Quinton delivers a petition from Samuel Taylor, junior, of Worcester county, praying for a divorce; which was read and referred to Messrs. Quinton, J. Mitchell and Selby.

Mr. Thomas delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Thomas Moore of Cecil county; which was read.

Mr. Potts delivers a petition from the trustees of the Union Lancastrian School of Frederick county, praying legislative aid; which was read and referred to Messrs. Potts, Howard and Toney. Also a petition from the members of Zion church, and other citizens of Frederick-Town, praying for a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing a lot or lots of ground and erecting thereon a new church and a house for the officiating minister; which was read and referred to Messrs. Potts, Davis and Howard.

Mr. R. Dorsey delivers a petition from Kensey Harrison, of Anne-Arundel county, a soldier of the revolution, praying relief; which was read and referred to Messrs. R. Dorsey, Washington and Lanham.

On motion by Mr. Causin, the following message was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 6, 1816.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message of this morning. This house also is formed and ready to proceed to the business of the session. We have appointed the honourable Nicholas Stonestreet, speaker, and Louis