

Gassaway chief clerk. The time of sitting of this house will be from 10 o'clock in the morning until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, the following message was read and ordered to lie on the table:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 6, 1816.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

The honourable Robert G. Harper, esquire, having resigned his seat in the senate of the United States, we propose on — next, if agreeable to your house, to proceed to the election of a senator to supply his place, agreeably to the constitution of the United States, and the provisions of an act of assembly passed at November session, 1809, entitled, An act to fix the mode of electing senators to represent this state in the senate of the United States.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Stoddert, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to establish county schools. Ordered, that Messrs. Stoddert, Causin, Semmes, Bowles, Duvall, Lecompte and Dennis, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same

Mr. R. K. Watts delivers a bill, entitled, An act to release the right of the state to a part of a tract of land therein mentioned; which was read.

Mr. R. Dorsey delivers a petition from Charles Sterett Ridgely, and John C. Weems, of Anne Arundel county, praying that a road lately laid out and opened by them through their lands leading from the Elk Ridge Landing road to Richard Owens's mills may be made public; which was read and referred to Messrs R. Dorsey, Sellman and Charles Stewart

Mr. Scott delivers a bill, entitled, An act to alter and change the place of holding the elections in the second election district in Saint-Mary's county; which was read the first and second time by special order and passed.

Mr. Blackstone delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of James Deane of Saint-Mary's county, which was read.

Mr. Warner from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Young, of Baltimore county, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true, they therefore beg leave to report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to pay unto Benjamin Young, of Baltimore county, late a sergeant in the revolutionary war, or to his order, annually, in quarterly yearly payments, during his life, the half pay of a sergeant, as a further remuneration for those services by which his country has been so essentially benefitted.

By order,

J. W. BORDLEY, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Washington from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of William Law, of Montgomery county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true, and that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted; Therefore,

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby directed, to pay to William Law, late a private in the revolutionary war, or to his order, annually, in quarterly payments, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a private, as a further remuneration to him for those services by which his country has been so essentially benefitted.

By order,

R. PINDELL, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Hands delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorising the levy court of Talbot county to appoint a suitable person to take care of the court-house in said county; which was read the first and second time by special order and passed.

Mr. Prather delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorise James Tidhall, of Allegany county, to import and bring into this state certain slaves therein named; which was read.

Mr. Stoddert delivers a petition from John F. Gardiner, of Charles county, praying to be allowed interest on a sum of money directed to be levied on Washington county for his use; which was read and referred to Messrs. Stoddert, Posey and Bowles.

Mr. Hands from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Talbot county, to proceed to the passage of an act to open and establish a public road through the land of John Goldsborough, esquire, to Choptank river, and to establish a place of deposit for lumber, grain, &c. ask leave to report, that they have taken the prayer of the petitioners into consideration, and are of opinion that it would be inexpedient and improper to grant the passage of the above mentioned act, as the benefit to the public at large, to the petitioners, would not, by the establishment of said road and place of deposit, be sufficiently great to authorise the interference of the legislature with the private property of the individual concerned.

By order,

R. PINDELL, Clk.

Which was read the first and second time by special order and concurred with.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following communication from the executive.

The Honourable the President of the Senate, and the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Delegates,  
In Council, Annapolis, December 4, 1816.

GENTLEMEN,—We have the honour to inform you, that in pursuance of the powers vested in this department by a resolution of the last general assembly, we have ceded to the general government the exclusive right of jurisdiction in and over the ground and territory on which Forts M. Henry and Washington are erected.

The resolution appropriating the sum of five hundred dollars to defray the expenses of collecting public arms, being found to be wholly inadequate to the object, we have thought it advisable to refer the subject to your consideration.

The resolution appropriating money for the purchase of arms having been rescinded by the last general assembly, we are under the necessity of referring to you the claim of Mr. J. Joseph Henry for