

ed. " will pass with the proposed amendments ;" which amendments were read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. And the bill for the relief of John Hoyer and Mary Hoyer, of Cumberland, Allegany county, endorsed, " will not pass." The resolution in favour of Luther Martin, endorsed, " assented to." And the following communication from the executive :

*In Council, Annapolis, January 22, 1817.*

Gentlemen,—We herewith transmit a copy of a resolution of the legislature of North-Carolina, which has just been received by this department, to be laid before the general assembly of Maryland. We have the honour to be, with great respect, your obedient servants,

C. RIDGELY, of Hampt.

The Honourable the President of the Senate and the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

*In Council, Annapolis, January 20, 1817.*

Gentlemen,—We conceive it our duty at this time to call the attention of the legislature to the state of the public buildings in this city ; many years have elapsed since any appropriation has been made for repairs, rendered necessary by natural decay, and many other causes, which do not in so great a degree affect the property of individuals. We are of opinion that a liberal appropriation should be made for the purpose of preserving the state's property, and more particularly the state-house and the adjacent buildings. If a sum sufficient for a complete repair of this property should be granted, there can be no doubt it would ultimately prove to be a more substantial economy than annual appropriations, inadequate to the object, and which can neither be usefully or advantageously applied. To this subject we would most earnestly call the attention of your honourable body. We have the honour to be, with high consideration and respect, your obedient servants,

C. RIDGELY, of Hampt.

The Honourable the President of the Senate and the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Which was read.

Mr. Stoddert from the committee delivers the following report :

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Philip Stuart, and others, interested in the fisheries of the Potomac, having duly considered the same, are deeply impressed with the necessity of a provision by law being made by the concurrent aid of Maryland and Virginia, to protect the fisheries of the Potomac, which are now materially injured, and may ultimately be destroyed, by the navigation by steam vessels of that river ; but notwithstanding this conviction, your committee are opposed by so many difficulties in framing an act which may embrace provisions calculated to effect the object in view, without a previous consultation with the state of Virginia, that your committee decline reporting by bill, but deem it more expedient to submit for the consideration of the house the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised and required, to appoint two able, intelligent, and judicious persons, as commissioners on the part of this state, to meet such commissioners as may be appointed on the part of Virginia, to arrange and devise some good and sufficient mode of protecting the fisheries of the Potomac, by inhibiting the navigation of the said river during the month of April in every year, and any other measures which to them shall seem advisable for the purpose, and the same, if concurred in by the respective legislatures of Maryland and Virginia, shall be binding on the citizens thereof

Resolved, That the governor and council be requested to transmit to the governor of Virginia a copy of the foregoing resolution, with a request that the same may be laid before the legislature of his state as speedily as convenient.

By order,

M. LATIMER, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Seth from the committee delivers the following report :

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Solomon Summers, of Queen-Anne's county, late a drummer in the revolutionary war, report, that they have had the same under consideration and find the facts therein stated to be true, they therefore submit the following resolution :

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed, to pay unto Solomon Summers, of Queen-Anne's county, late a drummer in the revolutionary war, or to his order, during life, annually, in quarterly payments, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a drummer, as a further remuneration for his services in the revolutionary war.

By order,

R. PINDELL, Clk.

Which was read the first and second time by special order, concurred in, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

The house adjourns until this evening 7 o'clock,

POST MERIDIEM, 7 O'CLOCK,

The house met.

The bill for the benefit of persons hiring or renting stoves in the city and precincts of Baltimore, the supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the river Susquehanna through Charles Town to the Elkton and Christiana turnpike ; the bill authoring the sale or leasing of the poor-house and ground belonging thereto in Baltimore county, and to provide for building a new one ; the supplement to the act, entitled, An act authoring a lottery to raise a sum of money for certain purposes therein mentioned, and the additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to alter and change the name of Elizabeth-Town in Washington county, to Hager's-Town, and to incorporate the same, were severally read the second time and passed.

The bill authoring the connecting of Water street with King George-street, at Jones's falls, in the city of Baltimore, was read the second time by special order and passed.

The bill to lay out and make public a road in Harford county, and the bill to lay out and open a road in Prince-George's and Anne-Arundel counties, were severally read the second time and passed.

Mr. Potts delivers a memorial from sundry citizens of Frederick county, praying the removal of Abraham Shriver an associate judge of the fifth judicial district ; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying for a road from Moses Freeland's mill to the intersection of a county road to or by George Keilinger's mill, was read the second time and concurred in.