

Mr. Pearce delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of William Damsell; which was read.

Mr. Saulsbury delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the heirs of John Harcasle, late of Caroline county, deceased; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Eccleston, Ordered, That the committee appointed to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to inquests held by coroners, be enlarged by the addition of Messrs. Blakistone and Woodyear

Mr. Sweitzer delivers a petition from Elizabeth Sterret of Washington county, praying for a divorce; which was read and referred to Messrs. Sweitzer, Kennedy and Yates.

Mr. Blakistone delivers a petition from John Cole, sheriff of Saint Mary's county, praying to be paid the expenses incurred by him in feeding certain negroes from the public tavern, who were tried by a special court on the charge of rebellion or insurrection; which was read and referred to Messrs. Blakistone, Watts and Causin.

Mr. Sweitzer from the committee delivers the following reports:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Andrew Willis, of Washington county, a revolutionary soldier, beg leave to report, That they have had the same under consideration, and find that he enlisted as a private on the seventeenth day of February seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, and was discharged on the fourteenth day of February seventeen hundred and eighty, which appears by the auditor's certificate accompanying this report; they therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed, to pay to Andrew Willis of Washington county, 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,

S. FOUNTAIN, Clk

The committee to whom was referred the petition of William Kindall, of Washington county, a revolutionary soldier, beg leave to report, That they have taken the same into consideration, and find that he enlisted as a private on the twenty-fifth day of April seventeen hundred and seventy-eight, and was discharged on the first day of November seventeen hundred and eighty, which appears by the auditor's certificate accompanying this report; they therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to pay to William Kindall, of Washington county, or 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,

S. FOUNTAIN, Clk.

Which were severally read.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the supplement to the act, entitled, An act concerning crimes and punishments. And on motion by Mr. Kell, the same was recommitted to the committee who reported the bill, and the committee enlarged by the addition of Messrs. Kell and Woodyear

Mr. Buckey delivers a bill, entitled, An act to establish a bank and incorporate a company under the name of the Frederick Town and County Bank; which was read

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, December 16, 1817.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill to confirm and make valid the acts and proceedings of William Redding as a justice of the peace for Kent county, was sent to the senate

On motion by Mr. Tomlinson, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act to alter and change all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the division of Allegany county into eight separate election districts, passed at the last session. Ordered, That Messrs. Tomlinson, Scott, and Tidball, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Woodyear delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, praying for a law to open and extend Chesnut street; which was read and referred to Messrs. Woodyear, Snowden and Bradford.

The bill for the establishment of an academy at Elkton in Cecil county, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Semmes from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Nathaniel Downing, of Prince George's county, beg leave to report, That they have taken the same into consideration and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby required and directed, to pay annually to Nathaniel Downing, of Prince George's county, an old revolutionary soldier, a sum of money, in quarterly payments, equal to the half pay of a private soldier, as a further remuneration to the said Nathaniel Downing for the services rendered his country in that glorious war.

By order,

J. W. BORDLEY, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Semmes delivers the bill, entitled, An act for the revaluation of real and personal property in the counties therein mentioned, as amended; which was read.

Mr. Sweitzer delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Elizabeth Sterrett, of Washington county. Mr. Haynie a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Jesse Hughes of Somerset county; and Mr. Kell a bill, entitled, An act authorising the drawing of a lottery for the benefit of the Maryland Foundling Hospital; which were severally read.

The bill for the benefit of Thomas Rowe of Cecil county; the supplement to the act, entitled, An act authorising a lottery, to raise a sum of money for building a Masonic Hall in Elkton; the bill for the benefit of William Cowan of Cecil county; and the supplement to an act, entitled, An act to lay out and open a road in Cecil county, were severally read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Wilson delivers a bill, entitled, An act declaring what shall be evidence in certain cases therein mentioned; which was read.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the supplement to an act to provide for the education of poor children in Kent, Talbot, Cecil, Anne Arundel, and Montgomery counties. On motion by Mr.