

chester county into three separate election districts. Ordered, That Messrs. Griffith, Lecompte and Keene, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr Snowden from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of James Sewell, an old revolutionary soldier, have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable and just; Therefore,

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised and directed, to pay unto James Sewell, an old revolutionary soldier, or his order, during his life, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a private, annually, in quarterly payments, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, as a further remuneration for his services during the American war.

By order,

R. PINDELL, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Woodyear delivers a bill, entitled, An act supplementary to an act for amending and reducing into system the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments; the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans and other representatives of deceased persons; which was read.

Mr. Winder and Mr. Maxcy from the senate, acquaint the speaker that the governor elect is attending in the senate room, and the senate requests his attendance with the members of the house of delegates, in the senate room, to see the governor qualified.

The speaker left the chair, and attended by the members of this house went to the senate room, where his excellency qualified in the presence of both houses, by subscribing a declaration of his belief in the Christian religion, by taking the several oaths required by the constitution and form of government, the oath of office directed by an act of assembly, and by taking an oath to support the constitution of the United States.

The speaker, attended by the members of this house, returned and resumed the chair.

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

FRIDAY, December 19, 1817.

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

The resolution relative to ascertaining the regular variation of the magnetic needle, was sent to the senate.

Mr. Semmes delivers a bill, entitled, A further additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate elections; which was read.

Mr. Bradford delivers a bill, entitled, An act enlarging the powers of the trustees of the poor of Harford county; which was read.

The speaker laid before the house reports from the clerks of Charles, Montgomery, and Cecil county courts, relative to the attendance of the judges; which were severally read and referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Stephen from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of General Davidson, deceased, having duly considered the same, deem it an act of mere justice that they should be reimbursed the sum of money advanced by the father, and which by a retroactive law was forfeited. The committee therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Anne J. Davidson, and Ninian Pinkney guardian to John J. Davidson and Pinkney Davidson, for their use, or to their joint order, the sum of nine hundred and sixty-eight dollars and eighty-seven cents, money advanced by the said General John Davidson for proclamation warrants, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury

By order,

J. YATES, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Griffith delivers a bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act, entitled, An act to repeal all that part of the constitution and form of government as relates to the division of Dorchester county into three separate election districts; which was read.

Mr. Woodyear delivers a petition from Christopher Hughes, of the city of Baltimore, praying for a law compelling the city of Baltimore to fill up and complete Quay-street, and for other purposes; which was read and referred to Messrs. Woodyear, Kell and Johnson.

The bill authorising a lottery to complete Trinity Church and to build a parsonage-house within the city of Baltimore, and the bill to appoint commissioners for the purpose of dividing Allegany county into eight separate election districts, were severally read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Garner delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Charles county, praying for a law authorising a road to be laid out from the ferry road to Checkamuxon creek; which was read and referred to Messrs. Garner, Jenifer and Brawner.

Mr. Pearce delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Richard Barnaby; which was read.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 19, 1817.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We propose with the concurrence of your house, to proceed this day at 12 o'clock to the appointment of directors on the part of the state in the different banks enumerated in our message of the 11th instant. We have nominated, on the part of this house, for the Union Bank of Maryland, George Taylor, Richard K. Heath; For the Mechanics Bank of Baltimore, James Harwood, Jonathan Meredith; for the Commercial and Farmers Bank of Baltimore, Stephen H. Ford; for the Farmers Bank of Maryland at Annapolis, Thomas H. Bowie, Daniel Murray; for the Branch of the Farmers Bank of Maryland at Easton, Tench Tilghman and James Price; for the Hager's-Town Bank, John Harry, George C. Smoot; for the Elkton Bank, William Alexander. Messrs. Forrest and Nabb are appointed by this house to join the gentlemen who may be named by you to count the ballots and report thereon.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Eccleston, Ordered, That this house now proceed to the appointment of a director on the part of the state in the Bank of Baltimore.

The house accordingly proceeded to the said election; the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after sometime returned and reported that Nathaniel Pierce was elected.