

appropriated money in the treasury, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a private soldier, as a further remuneration for the services which he rendered his country in her struggle for independence.

By order,

R. PINDELL.

Which was read.

On motion by Mr W. R. Stewart, 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 concur with your message of to-day proposing an adjournment from to-morrow until Monday the 29th instant.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Clk.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the report on the petition of Thomas Gadd, of the city of Baltimore, a revolutionary soldier. On motion by Mr. W. R. Stewart, the question was put, That the blank in the resolution be filled up with five hundred dollars? Determined in the negative.

On by Mr. W. R. Stewart, the question was then put, That the said blank be filled up with four hundred dollars? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Harrison, the question was then put, That the said report be recommitted? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house proceeded to the election of directors for the several banks mentioned in the message to the senate. The ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that George Taylor and Richard K. Heath were elected directors on the part of the state in the Union Bank of Maryland; Jonathan Meredith and James Harwood for the Mechanics Bank of Baltimore; Stephen H. Ford for the Commercial and Farmers Bank of Baltimore; Daniel Murray and Thomas H. Bowie for the Farmers Bank of Maryland, Tench Tilghman, and James Price for the branch of said bank at Easton; George C. Smoot and George Harry for the Hager's-Town Bank; and William Alexander for the Elkton Bank of Maryland. Whereupon,

Resolved, That George Taylor, Richard K. Heath, Jonathan Meredith, James Harwood, Stephen H. Ford, Daniel Murray, Thomas H. Bowie, Tench Tilghman, James Price, George C. Smoot, John Harry, and William Alexander, be and they are hereby declared to be, directors on the part of this state, for the ensuing year, in the banks aforesaid.

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

SATURDAY, December 20, 1817.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. James D. Cresap, Esquire, a delegate from Allegany county, appeared, qualified, and took his seat.

On motion by Mr. Tomlinson, the reading of the proceedings of yesterday was dispensed with.

On motion by Mr. Blakistone the house then adjourned until Monday the 29th instant.

MONDAY, December 29, 1817.

The house having adjourned until this day, the following members attended, viz. Messrs. Jones, Eccleston, Hynson, C. Stewart, T. H. Dorsey, Showers, Johnson, Claude, Stephen, Wilson, Handy, Henry, Tingle, Hawkins, Davis, Kell, Sweitzer, Gaither and Tidball. There not being present a sufficient number to form a quorum, the members present adjourn until to-morrow.

TUESDAY, December 30, 1817.

The members who attended yesterday convened. The following members also attended, viz. Nicholas Stonestreet, Esquire, Speaker; Messrs. Estep, R. Dorsey, Weems, Turner, Brawner, Price, Stevens, Griffith, Harrison, Bradford, Sewell, Steel, Whitby, Saulsbury, Woodyear, Yates, Linthicum, Cresap, Tomlinson and Scott.

A quorum not being present, the members present adjourn until to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, December 31, 1817.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The following members also attended, viz. Messrs. Blakistone, Knight, Snowden, Beard, Somerville, Semmes, Clagett, Buckey and Schnelby. The proceedings of Friday the 19th instant, Saturday the 20th instant, Monday the 29th instant, and of yesterday were read.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the clerk of Talbot county court relative to the attendance of the judges; which was read and referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Gaither delivers a petition from Evan Price, of Montgomery county, praying that the levy court may be authorised to levy a sum of money for his support; which was read and referred to Messrs. Gaither, Linthicum and Clagett.

On motion by Mr. Handy, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate the Union Company of Snow Hill. Ordered, That Messrs. Handy, Henry and Wilson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Steel delivers a memorial from the Connowingo Bridge Company, praying for a bank to be established at the Town of Connowingo, to be called The Connowingo Bridge Bank; which was read and referred to Messrs. Steel, Bradford and Kell.

Mr. Woodyear delivers petitions from John K. Rowe and Richard Bevan, of Baltimore county, praying that their titles to certain property may be confirmed; which were severally read and referred to Messrs. Woodyear, Bradford and Sewell.

Mr. Wilson delivers a bill, entitled, An act to alter such parts of the declaration of rights, the constitution and form of government, as relate to the administration of oaths in certain cases; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Stevens, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to repeal the third section of an act, entitled, An act to suppress duelling. Ordered, That Messrs. Stevens, Bradford and Semmes, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. Beard, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to amend an act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company under the name of the Nottingham Library Company. Ordered, That Messrs. Beard, Knight and Tidball, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.