

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, the following resolution was read:

Resolved, that the governor and council liquidate the accounts of the members of the brigade court martial, and the witnesses who attended on the trial of Major Sovereign Dawson, during the late war, by order of brigadier General Perry Benson, and that they draw orders on the treasurer of the western shore, in favour of the several officers and witnesses who attended the same, for the several sums which shall be ascertained to be due them respectively; and the treasurer of the western shore is hereby authorised and required, to pay the said orders out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, the house proceeded to the second reading by special order of the said resolution, and the same having been read throughout, the question was put, That the house assent thereto? Determined in the negative.

The bill authorising the levy court of Baltimore county to levy a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill authorising the levy court of Somerset county to levy and assess a sum of money for certain purposes therein mentioned, and on motion by Mr. Long, the bill was recommitted.

Mr. W. R. Stewart delivers the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act concerning crimes and punishments as amended, which was read the first and second time by special order and passed.

On motion by Mr. Wilson, the following resolution was read the first and second time by special order and assented to.

Resolved, that the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised and required, to pay unto the present messenger to the executive, during his continuance in office, the sums respectively directed to be paid to Jubb Fowler, late messenger, by the resolutions of November session eighteen hundred and six and eighteen hundred and eleven, in the same manner as prescribed by said resolutions.

On motion by Mr. Somerville, the following resolution was read the first and second time by special order and assented to.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed, to pay to Leonard Swann, an old soldier, or to his order, annually, in quarterly payments, during life, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a private.

On motion by Mr. Beard, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to extend to reserve land the benefit of warrants of resurvey. Ordered, That Messrs. Beard, Tenant and Tomlinson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, the following resolutions were read the first and second time by special order and assented to.

Resolved, That the honourable John L. Kerr, agent on behalf of the state to liquidate and settle with the general government, the necessary expenditures which were incurred by this state in providing for the common defence during the late war, be requested, and he is hereby requested, to report to this general assembly the progress that he may have made in the accomplishment of the object of his appointment.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be forthwith transmitted to the said agent now in the city of Washington.

Mr. Semmes delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of William L. Weems, of Prince-George county; which was read.

Mr. Holbrook delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Caleb P. Davis, of Caroline county; which was read the first and second time by special order and passed.

The bill to authorise the guardians of Henry Hammond, an infant, to apply the proceeds of property for the purpose therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Tidball from the committee delivers the following report: The committee to whom was referred the petition of John Hoyer, of Allegany county, executor of Paul Hoyer, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that it is reasonable and just, and at the same time, as they are informed, there are other persons similarly circumstanced, who are equally entitled to similar relief, they therefore submit the following resolution.

That in all cases where any person or persons have obtained proclamation warrants for land in Allegany county, and paid thereon one-tenth part of the composition money, and have not finally obtained grants for the said lands, that the register of the land-office for the western shore shall, on application, sue to the said person or persons, having thus paid, or their legal representatives, respectively, land warrants for so many acres of vacant land in said county, as will be equal to the sums so paid by such person or persons respectively, such person or persons to whom the said warrant is issued, paying the usual fee for issuing the same.

By order,

R. PINDELL, Clk.

Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Harrison, Ordered, That the bill, entitled, An act to amend and reduce into system the laws of descents, be made the order of the day for Monday next.

The house adjourns until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, January 26, 1818.

The house met. Present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. The supplement to the act, entitled, An act concerning crimes and punishments; the bill to authorise the guardians of Henry Hammond, an infant, to apply the proceeds of property for the purpose therein mentioned; the bill for the benefit of Caleb P. Davis of Caroline county; the resolution in favour of Leonard Swann; the resolution requesting John L. Kerr, Esq agent on behalf of this state, to report the progress that he may have made in the accomplishment of the object of his appointment; and the resolution in favour of the messenger to the executive, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Price delivers a petition from William Merryman, former sheriff of Baltimore county, praying that certain suits brought against him and his securities by William Gibson, clerk of Baltimore county may be reinstated in said court; which was read and referred to Messrs. Price, Wilson, Harris, Showers and Carroll.

The bill to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from Boonsborough, through Williamsport, to intersect the road now making from Cumberland to the west bank of Conococheague; and the bill for the benefit of James Etcherson, and others, of Prince-George's county, were severally read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.