

On motion by Mr. W. R. Stewart, the question was put, That the house grant him leave of absence? Determined in the negative.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, February 14, 1818.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We return you the resolution in favour of Aaron Simmons, an old soldier, and hope upon reconsideration you will assent to the same. He is extremely poor, old and feeble; his fellow-soldiers state, that he served three years in the revolutionary war; and the reason this does not appear from the auditor's certificate is, that many of the muster rolls have been lost.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Ck.

The supplement to the act to provide for the administration of justice in cases of crimes and misdemeanors in the city and precincts of Baltimore, was read the second time by special order, passed, and sent to the senate.

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

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to each member and officer of the legislature of this state, one dollar for each day's attendance during the present session, in addition to what they are allowed upon the journal of accounts, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

The house proceeded to the second reading 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 resolution in favour of Cornelius Mills, Caleb Stewart, Gotleb J. Grammer, and Henry Coulter, was read the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Griffith delivers the journal of accounts; which was read the first and second time by special order, assented to, and sent to the senate. Also a bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts; which was read the first and second time by special order, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Bradford, the following message was read and agreed to:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, February 14, 1818.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have finished all the business before us and are ready to close the session. We therefore propose, with your concurrence, to invite the governor to meet the two branches of the legislature in the senate chamber this evening at 7 o'clock, to sign and seal the laws, and have appointed Messrs. Bradford and Eccleston, to join the gentlemen named by you, to wait upon the governor, and request his attendance as aforesaid.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Ck.

Mr. Eccleston from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Kent county, praying that a law might pass authorising the levy court of said county to levy a sum of money for the purpose of making a dam or bridge across Easton Neck Narrows, in Kent county aforesaid, have taken the same into consideration, and beg leave to report that they are of opinion that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners, at present, and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

By order,

R. PINDELL, Ck.

Which was read the first and second time by special order and concurred in.

The house adjourns until this evening 4 o'clock.

POST MERIDIEM 4 O'CLOCK.

The house met.

The message proposing to close the session this evening was sent to the senate.

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

Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby requested, to call on the president and managers of the turnpike roads passing westward through the state, for such information as may enable the executive to present to the next general assembly of Maryland, which they are hereby requested to do, a full view of the state, and probable progress of each of the said roads, and particularly the road undertaken to be made by the banks in this state, with such suggestions as shall appear to them useful, for the consideration of the legislature, in promoting these desirable improvements.

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

Resolved, That the governor and council cause to be sold, in such manner and upon such terms as they may approve of, five hundred copies of Chancellor Kilty's Reports of English Statutes, and that the money arising from the sale thereof be appropriated, under the direction of the chief judge of the court of appeals, and chancellor of Maryland, to the purchase of a public library for the use of the superior courts, and the general assembly.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the relief of John Barnes, and the bill to allow mileage in certain cases to jurors in Washington county, severally endorsed, will pass. Ordered to be engrossed. The bill authorising the levy court of Baltimore county to levy a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned, endorsed, will pass with the proposed amendments; which amendments were read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. And the bill to authorise Arthur Craddock to bring a certain negro slave into this state, endorsed, will not pass.

On motion by Mr. Long, Ordered, That the thanks of this house be unanimously presented to the honourable Nicholas Stonestreet, for his faithful and dignified discharge of the duties of the chair during the present session.

On motion by Mr. Jenifer the question was put, That the house reconsider the bill, entitled, An act for the better protection of slaveholders in the several counties therein mentioned? Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill having been read throughout and amended, the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative. and the bill sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Forrest the following resolution was read:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Rinaldo Pindell, engrossing clerk in the house of delegates, or to his order, the sum of fifty dollars, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, for his extraordinary services during the present session.