

The finances of the state being restored by the payment of this claim, the injuries and destruction occasioned by the depredations of the enemy being repaired, and the citizens of the state in general entering with increased ardour and unwonted harmony on the prosecution of the peaceful pursuits of civil life, I cannot forbear, in the moment of our separation, congratulating the honourable the general assembly on the prosperity of Maryland. Her speedy restoration, from a situation of unprecedented alarm and calamity, to one of vigorous prosperity, affords the best proof of the wisdom which has guided her councils, and the firm patriotism of her people. While from it we may draw a fresh practical illustration, that a people true to themselves, and their country, have nothing to fear from domestic calamity, or the assaults of foreign hostility.

I have the honour to be, with great respect, your most obedient servant,

C. RIDGELY, of Hampton.

The hon. the president of the senate, and the hon. the speaker of the house of delegates.

Washington, February 14, 1818.

SIR—I have the pleasure to announce to you, that I have obtained from the honourable the secretary of war, an order to the auditor of his department for a settlement of the claim of Maryland on the United States, for the militia expenses incurred during the late war with Great Britain; and I am assured, that the same liberal policy which has dictated the assumption of this claim, will be extended to the detailed adjustment of it.

I have the honour to be, with high respect, your most obedient servant,

JOHN L. KERR.

To his excellency Charles Ridgely of Hampton, Governor of Maryland.

Copy from the original on file in the executive department of Maryland,

NINIAN PINKNEY, Clk. Council.

Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Forrest, the following message was read:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, February 16, 1818.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

This house has rejected the amendments proposed by your honourable body to the bill establishing the loan office of Maryland, we return the bill to your honourable body, hoping you will recede from your amendments, or such of them as establish a branch of the office on the eastern shore, and suffer the bill to pass into a law.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Clk.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the said message, and the same having been read throughout, the question was put, That the house assent thereto? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.					
T H Dorsey	Weems	Jenifer	Pearce	Claude	Woodyear
R Dorsey	Turner	Long	Digges	Kell	Forrest
NEGATIVE.					
Mr. Speaker	Garner	Tenant	Beard	Henry	Saulsbury
Knight	Price	Murray	Somerville	Tingle	Sweitzer
Eccleston	Showers	Griffith	Claggett	Hawkins	Schnebly
Neale	Snowden	Keene	Harrison	Bradford	Gaither
Hynson	Johnson	Tyson	W R Stewart	Steel	Tidball
C Stewart	Martin				

So it was determined in the negative.

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

Whereas the journal of accounts has been closed up to the 16th inst. and the business of the state has required the attendance of the members longer than was therein contemplated, Therefore,

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby required, to pay to each member of the legislature attending this day on the discharge of his legislative duties, two days allowance in addition to the sum allowed on the journal of accounts, and also two days allowance to the officers of each house.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to incorporate a company to build a bridge over Nanticoke river at or near Vienna in Dorchester county, the bill to incorporate a company to make a wharf at the town of Cambridge in Dorchester county, severally endorsed, will pass. Ordered to be engrossed. The bill relative to Swiss redemptioners, endorsed, will pass with the proposed amendment; which amendment was read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. The bill to alter the divisions of the militia of this state, endorsed will not pass. The resolution in favour of the messenger to the court of chancery, the resolution in favour of B. S. Pigman executor of Hanson Briscoe, the resolution relative to lotteries, the resolution in favour of the examiner general, and the resolution relative to turnpike roads, severally endorsed, assented to. The resolution in favour of the members and officers of each house, the resolution relative to proclamation warrants, and the resolution in favour of Elijah Smith, severally endorsed, dissented from. Also the journal of accounts, endorsed, assented to. And the following resolution:

BY THE SENATE, February 16, 1818.

Resolved, That the governor and council be requested to cause a copy of the bill, entitled, An act relative to German and Swiss redemptioners, to be published for three months in some newspaper in each of the principal commercial cities in the United States, for the information of the persons who may be affected by the provisions of this law.

By order,

R. HARWOOD, Clk.

Which was read the first and second time by special order, and the question put, That the house assent thereto? Determined in the negative, and the resolution returned to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Woodyear, the following resolution was read.

Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised and directed, to settle and liquidate any claim which Jehu Chandler may have against this state, and pay the amount they may be certain to be due by order on the treasury.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the said resolution by special order, and the same having