

citizens of the state have been mostly benefitted. *And whereas* pensions to an enormous amount have been granted to officers and soldiers of the revolution, many of whom are now living in affluence, the amount of which donations and pensions take annually from the treasury the sum of thirty thousand dollars, all of which money, ought of right, in those difficult times, to remain in the treasury for the purpose of defraying the expenses of government. Therefore,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland.* That the donation given to the several different schools, academies and colleges, and the pensions granted to the officers and soldiers, and to the widows of deceased officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army, shall hereafter remain in the treasury, subject to the future appropriation of the legislature.

*Resolved.* That all laws and resolutions granting or giving donations to schools, academies and colleges, or to the officers and soldiers, or to the widows of deceased officers and soldiers of the revolution, be, and the same is hereby repealed, rescinded, abrogated, annulled and made void.

RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of the levy courts of the different counties of this state, upon the application of every officer or soldier, that is now on the pension list, and at this time a resident of the county, in which the application shall be made, to enquire into the circumstances of such applicant, and in case the said court shall be of opinion that his circumstances are such as not to afford him a comfortable living, that then and in that case the said courts, are hereby authorized to levy such sum of money as they in their judgment shall deem necessary for the support of such applicant, on the assessable property of said county; and in case of an applicant from the city of Baltimore or the city of Annapolis, to levy the same on such city; which money so levied, shall be collected as other county or city charges are, and paid over to such applicant or to his order.

Mr. Gabby presents a petition from Adam Ott, a revolutionary soldier; which was read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Carroll presents a petition from Mary Johnson, of the city of Annapolis, praying for support for herself and three children of her deceased sister; which was read and referred to Messrs. Carroll, Hughes and Woodward.

Mr. Forwood reports a bill entitled, A supplement to the act entitled, An act incorporating into one the several acts relating to constable's fees, and Mr. Hoffman reports a bill entitled, An act for the benefit of William Osborn, of Allegany county; which were read.

The bill to authorise William G. Pembleton, of Charles county, to bring into this state certain negroes therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution in favor of Jehu Chandler, endorsed, "assented to."

The house proceeded to the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, relative to adjourning during Christmas. On motion by Mr. Millard, the bank was filled up with "Thursday the 27th inst."

The question was then put, That the house assent to the message? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Speaker, Dorsey, Millard, Liewellen, Maddox, Hall, Sollars, Weems, Jenifer, Edelin, Rogerson, Orrick, Snowden, Showers, Nabb, Martin, King, Ballard, Travels, Warren, Moffitt, Crigg, Semmes, Cullen, Hughes, Meconekin, Nicholson, Motte, H. Kemp, Culter, Bruce, Douglas, Whitely, Harcastle, Saulsbury, Kennedy, Gatsby, Kershner, Wever, Riggs, Hoffman.—41.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Harris, Marriott, Brown, Stewart, Woodward, Luockerman, Dennis, Waters, G. Smith, Atens, Carroll, John S. Spence, Furnell, Riley, Allen, Forwood, Norris, Whiteford, Bowler, Daine, Duvall, Sprigg, Greenwell, Wiatt.—24

Resolved in the affirmative and sent to the senate.

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

RESOLVED, That the different fund and donations now appropriated or given to the different academies in this state, be, and the same are hereby withdrawn into the treasury of Maryland, and that they there constitute a fund to be hereafter applied to the education of poor children, in such manner as may be directed by the wisdom of the legislature.

ORDERED, That the same, together with a resolution previously proposed by Mr. Forwood on a similar subject, have a second reading on Saturday next.

The house adjourns until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1821.

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

On motion by Mr. Dorsey, Leave given to bring in a bill entitled, a further additional supplement to the act entitled, An act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned. Ordered, That Messrs. Dorsey, Daine and Bruce, report the same.

Mr. Allen reports a bill entitled, An act to withdraw the funds from the different schools, colleges and academies, for the purpose of appropriating them to the education of poor children, and Mr. Millard reports a bill entitled, An act authorising and empowering the Levy Court of Saint Mary's county, to assess and levy a sum of money for the support and maintenance of the idiot son of Samuel Thompson; which were read.

The bill for the support of Susanna Ringold, of Kent county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.