

the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. J. Forrest presents a petition from Sarah Easton, and Dorothy Storer, praying a compensation for the services of Robert H. Harrison, their father, a revolutionary officer; read and referred to Messrs J. Forrest, Simmes and Culver.

Mr. Marriott delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Elizabeth Kilty, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under their consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the Western Shore, be, and he is hereby authorised and directed to pay to Elizabeth Kilty or to her order, during life, in quarterly payments, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a captain, as a further compensation for those meritorious services rendered by her deceased husband John Kilty, during the revolutionary war.

Which was read.

By order,

GEO. A. SMITH, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Orrick, the following message was read, assented to and sent to the senate.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 1, 1822.

Gentlemen of the Senate

We return you the bill entitled, An act to repeal an act entitled, An act authorising certain alterations in Baltimore county and city court rooms, and hope upon reconsideration you will agree to pass the same.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clerk.

Mr. Whiteford presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying for a bridge over Deer Creek, at the Priest's Ford; read and referred to Messrs. Whiteford, Forwood and Norris.

Mr. Edelen presents a petition from Robert Guest, of Charles county, an alien, praying his title to certain real property may be confirmed; read and referred to Messrs. Edelen, Rogerson and Garner; and a petition from Townley R. bey, of Charles county, praying that Nathan S. Dent, his deputy as sheriff and collector, may be authorised to complete his collections; read and referred to Messrs. Edelen, Garner and Rogerson.

Mr. Marriott reports a bill entitled, An act for the relief of Louisa Hardesty, of Anne Arundel county; also a bill entitled, An act for the relief of Richard Dove, of Anne Arundel county; and Mr. Barney reports a bill entitled, An act for the benefit of the trustees of the Catholic Cathedral Church, of Baltimore; which were read.

On motion by Mr. Williams, Leave given to bring in a bill entitled, a supplement to an act entitled An act for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing free schools in the several counties therein mentioned. Ordered, That Messrs Williams, Pigman and Orrick, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Hoffman, Leave given to bring in a bill entitled, An act to alter the divisional line between the first and fourth election districts in Allegany county. Ordered, That Messrs. Hoffman, Greenwell and Sprigg, report the same.

The report in favor of William Jacobs, of Queen Ann's county, was read the second time. On motion by Mr. Nicholson, the resolution was so amended, as to vest in the governor and council the power to examine the claim, and to draw on the treasurer for such sum as they may allow.

The resolution was then assented to.

Mr. Barney presents the following report:

The committee appointed on the part of this house to visit and inspect the Penitentiary, ask leave to report: That in discharging the duty assigned to them they have the satisfaction to state, that they found the institution in a situation highly creditable to those entrusted with its immediate direction and management, upwards of three hundred criminals of different ages and sex, being industriously employed in various branches of manufactures and mechanics, adapted to their respective capacities; thus converting the establishment into an exclusive work shop, in which each convict is acquiring habits of industry, and a thorough knowledge of some useful trade, by which they may obtain an honest livelihood when their term of service shall have expired. The committee learn from the board of inspectors who politely accompanied them through the institution, that although at this time, the amount of profit derived from productive labor, is fully adequate to its expenses, yet they are much embarrassed in their operations, by a heavy debt incurred in the insipient stages of its establishment, from want of proper experience in directing their attention to the most advantageous branches of industry, and in purchasing articles of clothing, bedding, &c. all of which are now manufactured of a most durable and excellent quality within their own walls.

The committee cannot conclude without an expression of an opinion, that in no other manner could those violators of the peace of society, and of the laws of their country, be more suitably and economically provided for, with a view to their proper punishment and reformation, and as it regards the interest and tranquility of the community

Which was read.

JOHN BARNEY, Chairman.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey, ORDERED, That the clerk of the council be requested to report to this house the number of arms belonging to the state, and the several places where the same are deposited.

Mr. Millard reports a bill entitled, An act to pay the civil list and other expenses of civil government; which was read.

Mr. Bruce presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying for a bridge over Pipe Creek; read and referred to Messrs. Bruce, H. Kemp and Culler.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey, ORDERED, That the treasurer of the Western Shore, be directed to furnish this house with all the information in his department, relating to the debts stated in his report to be due from the supervisors of the public roads, and from the poor house of Baltimore county,