

On motion by Mr. Chesley, the following message was read, assented to, and sent with the bill to the senate:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Feb. 23, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*—We propose with the concurrence of your honorable body to go into the election of a director for the Nanticoke bridge company to-day at 2 o'clock, and do nominate John N. Steel, of Dorchester county, we have appointed Messrs. Dashiell and Norris, to unite with such gentlemen as may be named by you to count the ballots and report thereon.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Nicholson, the following resolution was read, assented to, and sent to the senate:

Resolved, that the treasurer of the western shore pay to the reverend Mr. Griffith, or his order, the sum of one hundred dollars, and to the reverend Dr. Rafferty, or his order, the sum of one hundred dollars, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, for their services as chaplains during the present session.

Mr. Lookerman delivered the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Feb. 21, 1824.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the governor and council be, and they are hereby authorised to hear and examine into the allegations, evidence and circumstances stated or referred to in the memorial of Solomon Lowe, contractor of militia supplies, and to decide, according to equity, and the right of the matter, whether the action at law, now pending in Talbot county court, in the name of the state against the said Solomon Lowe on his bond executed as a contractor of militia supplies on the sixth day of April eighteen hundred and fourteen, ought to be released; and in case the said governor and council should so decide that the said action ought to be released, then that the said action shall be struck off the docket upon the payment of all costs by the said Lowe.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

Mr. Hughes delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was recommitted the petition of William Caton, of the city of Annapolis, beg leave to report, that upon examination of the documents accompanying the memorial of the act of 1816, upon the operation of which the said Caton predicates his claim against the state—it appears that the person whose property was escheated, was not dead, and consequently his property was not liable to escheat at the time the warrant was taken out. The petitioner has manifestly paid his money in his own wrong, and is not entitled relief; they therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Which was twice read and concurred with.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill relative to the inspection of salted fish.

Mr. Norris offered the following as a substitute to the order proposed by Mr. W. Stewart:

"Whereas the fish house established in the city of Baltimore, is extremely oppressive to those who are engaged in fishing at the head of the Chesapeake bay, and whereas the said fish house is intended to collect a revenue to the said city, instead of preserving the health thereof, it is most manifest by the recent ordinances of the city council, therefore ordered that this house will not refer the bill now under consideration to the mayor and city council, as it is an appeal to the legislature from the decision of that body which we consider as arbitrary and unjust.

Mr. Purnell moved to refer the whole to the next general assembly. Determined in the negative.

Mr. Norris withdrew his substitute. The question was then put on Mr. W. Stewart's order. Determined in the negative.

Mr. Steel moved to strike out 100, and insert 48, in the clause limiting the number of barrels to be on the wharf at any one time. Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. W. Stewart moved to strike out "June," and insert "April," in the clause limiting the time for fish to be landed for inspection in the city. Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. W. Stewart, the question was put, that the following be stricken out: And be it enacted, that the keeper of the public store-house in the city of Baltimore, be compelled to give a receipt for the number of barrels or half barrels of fish landed at the public store-house as soon as they are inspected and coopered, when they are left to be stored, and that no storage shall be charged or exacted, when the party who has the charge of them demands their removal to the city before three o'clock of the afternoon of the day on which they are landed and inspected, or if the owner takes them into his own or any other vessel on the day they are inspected before five o'clock in the afternoon, he shall not be subject to any storage or scow hire. Determined in the negative.

Mr. Ely moved to refer the whole to the 1st June next. Determined in the negative. Mr. P. Duvall moved to strike out the words "he shall not be subject to any storage or scow hire." Determined in the negative.

Mr. J. T. H. Worthington moved to strike out the words "or any other vessel." Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. J. T. H. Worthington the question was put, that the third section be stricken out. Resolved in the affirmative. The question was then put shall the said bill pass. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs. Gough, Millard, Dorsey, Ireland, Gale, Hodges, Howard, Linthum, Chesley, Dalrymple Heems, Gerry, Bryan, Kerr, Hopper, Meconiken, Nicholson, Cromwell, Whitford, Sewell, Norris, Steel, Elijah Barwick, Douglas, W. Duvall, Bruce, M'Ma-