

to close the session to-day, and have nominated Messrs. Johnson and Quinton to join such gentlemen as you may select to request the Governor to attend in the senate chamber this evening at 6 o'clock to sign the remainder of the engrossed bills.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clk.

BY THE SENATE, Feb. 25, 1821.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates.*—The senate have this day received your resolution providing for the extension of the commission payable to the states agent, and cannot agree to the same, believing as they do that that officer was appointed solely to aid in the collection of the revenue that would not otherwise be received. It appears to them that it was not contemplated by the legislature that the states agent should collect and charge a commission indiscriminately on any of the revenue of the state that might be paid into his hands, as such an officer in most instances of payments into the treasury is unnecessary and burthensome to the state.—Seeing then no sufficient reason for allowing any thing more to the states agent than the commission authorised by the acts creating that office, on debts due to the state which could not be collected in the ordinary way. The senate are constrained to reject the resolution.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clk.

The resolutions in favor of Catharine Plane, Benjamin West, and Henry Perry, severally endorsed, dissented from. The resolutions in favor of William Kilty, Thomas Chapman, William Bateman, severally endorsed, assented to. The resolution repealing certain resolutions, endorsed assented to with the proposed amendment, which amendment was read.

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

BY THE HOUSE DELEGATES, Feb. 25, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the Senate.*—We have received the resolution heretofore passed by our house in favor of Elizabeth Armstrong, of Allegany county, endorsed, "dissented from." We have certainly no wish to urge your honorable body to a departure from any general rules which it may have established in order to a decision upon the merits of any application to be placed upon the pension list of this state; yet conceiving as we do that any general rule when it is made one of universal application cannot fail to work wrong and injustice in some special cases, and that whenever such rule can be dispensed with without laying the ground work for a like dispensation in many of the cases to which it may be applied or without materially weakening the force of such rule, it should not be rigidly adhered to.—We beg leave again respectfully to offer to your consideration the petition of the above named petitioner, Elizabeth Armstrong, and to request that your honorable body will again act upon the same, when it is known that the petitioner was the first and only wife of Daniel Cresap, who has been universally acknowledged to have been one of the most meritorious officers of our revolution, that she superadds to her claim upon the generosity or rather the justice of the state, founded upon the revolutionary services of her husband, a yet weightier claim based upon the acknowledged fact that her husband died in the service of his country during the civil dissensions of 1794-95, and solely in consequence of the fatigues and privations of that service; that before the adoption of the rule by which her case has been excluded in your honorable body, it was at all times competent for her to have successfully applied for a pension, and that she has abstained from so doing for the space of twenty years or upwards, until all other resources failing, she has been driven to the painful necessity of addressing herself in the last resort to the generosity of that state which has not hitherto turned a deaf ear to such applications, and which has always experienced a pleasure of visiting the good deeds of the meritorious officers upon the nearest and dearest objects of his affection; we conceive that upon reconsideration you can have no objection to the passage of the prayer of the petitioner. All which is respectfully submitted.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the supplement to the act, entitled, an act for the benefit of the trustees of Garrison Forrest Academy, and the Franklin Academy in Baltimore county, endorsed, "will pass;" ordered to be engrossed. Also a bill, entitled, an act relating to the manumission of slaves in this state, endorsed, "will pass;" which was read. Also the bill to alter and amend all such parts of the constitution of this state as relate to the appointment of the Governor and Council, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read the second time and dissented from. The further supplement to an act to regulate the militia of this state, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, assented to and the bill ordered to be engrossed. The further additional supplement to the act for the destruction of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing free schools in the several counties therein named; and the bill for the re-valuation of real and personal property in Worcester and Queen Ann's counties, severally endorsed "will pass;" ordered to be engrossed. Also the supplement to an act, entitled, an act to reduce into one the several acts of assembly respecting elections, and to regulate said elections; and the bill for the benefit of Jonathan Neale Laughlin, and his heirs severally endorsed, "will not pass." The resolution in favor of Solomon Lowe, endorsed, assented to. The resolution in favor of Isaac Holland, William Lewis, James Ervin, and Robert Wilmott, dissented from. Also a resolution relating to a lot of ground for the erection of a state warehouse for the inspection of tobacco; which was read, and the following message:

BY THE SENATE, February 25, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates.*—We agree to your proposal to go into the election of a director on the part of the state in the Nanticoke Bridge Company at 1 o'clock to-day. The senate have no other nomination to make than the one made by your house. Messrs. Quinton and Brownley are appointed to join the gentlemen selected by you to count the ballots and report thereon.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clk.