

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby authorised and directed to pay to Richard G. Belt, or to his order, the sum of eighty nine dollars, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

By order,

S. S. HODGKIN, Ck.

Which was read.

Mr. Millard delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the letter from the mayor of the city of Annapolis and the communication from the Governor, respecting a suction engine for the protection of public property within this city, have had the same under their consideration, and (a majority of them) are of opinion, that as it is probable from the decaying state of the roof of the state house, the legislature will be obliged at a period not very distant to have it covered with copper or slate, and this with another consideration, i. e. the state of our finances induces them to decline offering for the consideration of the legislature a resolution appropriating funds for the purposes aforesaid.

By order,

TRUEMAN CROSS, Ck.

Which was concurred with.

Mr. Spencer delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Talbot county, praying a draw to be erected to the bridge over the narrows of Kent Island in Queen Anne's county, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under their consideration, and inasmuch as the said bridge has been built in strict conformity with the law authorising its erection, passed at December session, 1820; and as the erection of a draw thereto, at this time, would be attended with great expence, and probably with the almost entire destruction of the work, and as the erection of said bridge does not appear in the opinion of the committee to be an infringement of individual rights, or inhibited by any constitutional provision, they would recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

By order,

ISAAC HINES, Ck.

Which was concurred with.

Mr. W. G. D. Worthington presents a petition from Isaac Bradley, praying to be compensated for public work; referred to the committee of claims.

The further supplement to the act entitled, an act concerning crimes and punishments, was read the second time and passed.

The bill relating to Baltimore city court, was read the second time and passed.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, February 25th, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates*—The senate have reconsidered the resolution in favor of Elizabeth Armstrong, of Allegany county, and are compelled to adhere to their first vote. The pension fund amounts now nearly to \$20,000; and with a view to prevent its increase, the present senate, when it was first called on to act on this subject, adopted certain general rules which they have in all cases adhered to—one of those rules was, that no widow who was not the wife of the revolutionary soldier during the war, should be placed on the pension list; the senate supposed, that neither justice or liberality demanded, that one who had not shared in any way in the toils and troubles of the war should receive a bounty, which ought to be confined exclusively to those who partook of the troubles of that day.

By order,

WILLIAM KILTY, Clerk.

Which was read. Also the bill appointing a printer to the state, endorsed, will pass with the proposed amendments; which amendments were read, and the question put, that the house assent to the same? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

**AFFIRMATIVE**—Messrs Speaker, Ireland, Coburn, Hodges, J. T. H. Worthington, Johnson, Ely, Lloyd, Martin, Spencer, Jones, Henderson, Gerry, Bryan, E. B. Duvall, Wootton, Carroll, Steel, Turbutt, Moffett, Nicholson, Slemaker, Purnell, Fisher, Whiteford, Sewell, Norris, W. G. D. Worthington, Elijah Barwick, Douglas, W. Stewart, Riley, Merrick—33.

**NEGATIVE**—Messrs. Millard, Dorsey, Howard, C. R. Stewart, Iglehart, Chesley, Dalrymple, Miller, Edelin, Garner, Dennis, Dashiell, Kerr, Hopper, Cromwell, Boon, Edward Barwick, Williams, W. Duvall, McMahon, McHenry—21.

Resolved in the affirmative, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The amendments to the bill relative to the inspection of salted fish, was read the second time; the 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th amendments were assented to. The question was then put on the fifth amendment. Resolved in the affirmative, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Howard delivers the following report, which was concurred with:—

The committee to whom was referred the memorial from certain citizens of Annapolis and soldiers of the U. S. army, stationed at Fort Severn, report: that they have had the same duly under consideration, and inasmuch as the house of delegates have already decided on the election of Jeremiah Hughes, Esquire, they decline any expression of their opinion; on the subject of the memorial relating to the right of suffrage to be hereafter exercised by soldiers of the U. S. army, they deem it inexpedient to express an opinion as it would come properly before this house in the event of a contested election.

The bill to authorise the several banks in this state to invest a part of their capital in public stocks of the United States, was read the second time. Mr. W. Stewart moved to strike out the words "one third" for the purpose of inserting the words "such part" so as to allow the banks to invest such part of their capital, instead of "one third. Mr. J. T. H. Worthington called for a division, and it was put on striking out. Resolved in the affirmative—the words "such part" were then inserted. On motion by Mr. W. Stewart the words "as they now have vested