

and mulattoes, and to alter and amend the laws concerning run-aways, passed at December session 1824, chapter 171; also a bill, entitled, An act to secure to those persons who may apprehend absconding slaves or servants, the rewards offered by their masters, mistresses or owners.

Mr. Ridgaway reported a bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act to alter and amend the constitution of this state, so that the governor may be elected by the people, and to abolish the council. And Mr. Stricker also reported a bill, entitled, An act to establish pilots and regulate their fees; which were severally read and laid on the table.

Mr. Hope reported a bill, entitled, An act to extend to Thomas St. Clair, of Harford county, the benefit of an act passed February the eleventh eighteen hundred and twenty-two, chapter one hundred and fifty two, relating to public roads in the several counties therein mentioned. And Mr. Samuel R. Smith also reported a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Mary Hall, of Worcester county; which were severally twice read by special order and passed.

Mr. Tyson, chairman of the committee therein mentioned, delivered the following report, which was read and laid on the table, viz.

The committee on internal improvement, in pursuance of an order of enquiry yesterday passed by the house of delegates, beg leave to report the following resolution:

Whereas, the government of the United States have authorised and effected a survey of different routs from the city of Baltimore to the city of Philadelphia, for the transportation of the great northern mail: And whereas, it is likely that the said government will subscribe for stock in some one of the several road companies that have undertaken to open and perfect respectively different roads between Baltimore city and Philadelphia, therefore, Resolved, That should the government of the United States become a subscriber in any such company as aforesaid, the state of Maryland hereby pledges its faith to become a subscriber likewise to the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars for stock in such company.

By order,

G. A. Farquhar, Clk.

Mr. Crabb submitted the following resolution; which was read, and referred to the standing committee on claims, viz.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Washington G. Tuck, or order, the sum of eighty-one dollars and thirty-nine cents, the amount expended by him in the purchase of furniture for the chamber occupied by the court of appeals, above the appropriation made for that purpose at the last session of the legislature.

The speaker laid before the house a report of the treasurer for the western shore, in obedience to the order of this house of the 27th ultimo, "requiring said treasurer to report such information as he may possess, relative to bounty lands claimed by the soldiers of the Maryland line;" which was read and ordered to be printed; and, on motion by Mr. Done, it was also Ordered, That the pension roll of Maryland, which has been placed by the said