

payments, equal to the half pay of a major, instead of the sum granted to him annually in virtue of a resolution passed at November session, eighteen hundred and five.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 20, 1808.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed and required to pay unto Gassaway Watkins, of Anne-Arundel county, late a captain in the revolutionary war, a sum of money equal to half pay as a captain, annually, in quarterly payments, during his life, as a reward to those meritorious services which he rendered his country in establishing her liberty and independence.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to servants and slaves, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The resolution in favour of John Wilkins, was read the second time by especial order, assented to with the proposed amendment, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

Amendment proposed. Strike out the words "and his" in the 2d line of the resolution.

The bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, was read the second time and will not pass. Sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief and benefit of Jacob Bantz, of the city of Baltimore, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act to prevent the erection of hucksters booths near the places and during the times of divine worship, was read the second time and will not pass. Sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorising the levy court of Harford county to levy a sum of money for the purpose of amending and repairing the road therein mentioned, a bill, entitled, An act giving power to the levy court of Cæcil county to examine and settle the claims of Zenas Wells against the said county, a bill, entitled, An act to continue certain acts of assembly, a bill, entitled, An act authorising a lottery to erect suitable buildings for a school-house for the accommodation of the youth of Emmitsburgh, and its vicinity, in Frederick county, a bill, entitled, An act for building a bridge over Tuckahoe creek where the old bridge now stands, a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Nancy Gaither, Sarah Gaither and Mary Gaither, a bill, entitled, An act for the improvement of Elkton, in Cæcil county, severally passed by that house December 21, 1808: and the following resolution:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 21, 1808.

RESOLVED, That the chancellor be and he is hereby authorised, on the petition of John Smith Brooks to him for that purpose, to hear and determine upon the validity of a certificate issued on the seventeenth day of June, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, to George Wilson, late a soldier in the continental army, No. 5119, now the property of John Smith Brooks, and should he be of opinion that the said certificate is a valid one and issued by authority of the state, and the state bound to pay the same, that he decree the same to be paid at the treasury by crediting the bond of the said John Smith Brooks, now in the treasury, with the amount of principal and interest due thereon, and that the attorney-general of the state have notice of such petition, in writing, that he may appear and object thereto, should he deem it necessary, on behalf of the state, and that all proceedings on the bond of said John Smith Brooks be stayed until the decision of the chancellor; provided, that application be made for that purpose before the first day of June next.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Thomas B. Dorsey, from the committee, delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Richard Harnden, an insolvent debtor, of the city of Baltimore; which was read the first and second time by especial order and will not pass.

The clerk of the house of delegates returns the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act authorising the drawing of a lottery for the benefit of the College of Medicine of Maryland, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 21, 1808: Read the second time and will pass." - Ordered that the said bill be engrossed.

The bill, entitled, An act giving power to the levy court of Cæcil county to examine and settle the claims of Zenas Wells against the said county, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The resolution in favour of John C. Bond was read the second time by especial order, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act to repeal so much of the act, entitled, An act for erecting a village at Choptank bridge, in Caroline county, and for other purposes, and the several supplements thereto, as prohibits the running at large of geese and swine in said village, was read the second time by especial order and will not pass. Sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act for regulating the mode of staying on actions, and repealing the acts of assembly therein mentioned, was read the second time by especial order, and the question put, Shall this bill pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow: