

of money be paid, the said William Kilty, Esquire, shall secure the copy right of said work, and assign the same to the state of Maryland.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 24, 1810.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby requested to pay unto Robert B. Belt, one of the committee clerks of the house of delegates, seven dollars, it being the amount of the itinerant charges to which he is entitled.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 24, 1810.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised and directed to pay annually to Thomas Gadd, of Queen-Anne's county, an old revolutionary soldier, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a common soldier during the war aforesaid, as a further remuneration to the said Thomas Gadd for the services rendered his country, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 24, 1810.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to receive from Robert Walters the sum of forty-three pounds ten shillings, being the valuation made under the direction of the executive of the surplus land included in the said Walters's certificate of resurvey called "Bourbon," and that the said treasurer give the said Robert Walters a receipt for the same; upon which it shall be lawful for the register of the land office for the western shore, and he is hereby directed, under the direction of the chancellor, to grant a patent to the said Robert Walters on the said certificate called "Bourbon," he paying the fees accruing thereon.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 24, 1810.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be requested, and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to employ some person to paint and make such repairs on the stadt-house, as they may think essential to the preservation of the building, so far as the sum of one thousand dollars may suffice for that purpose, and that they draw on the treasurer of the western shore for the said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose aforesaid, to be paid out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. Also delivers the journal of accounts, assented to by that house, December 24, 1810; which was read. Also returns the bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act respecting the equity jurisdiction of the county courts, with the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 24, 1810.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

INTIMATELY acquainted with the wants and wishes of our constituents, we cannot refrain expressing our unfeigned concern for the disappointment they will sustain by your denying to them the advantages contained in the bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to the equity jurisdiction of the county courts. It will not be deemed inconsistent with the decorum due to your honourable body to examine the reasons why you refuse your sanction to this bill, so interesting to the less wealthy of our citizens. The house of delegates, annually elected from the people, is constitutionally supposed to be the organ of their immediate will, and in their acts of legislation to express the opinions of those by whom they are selected, therefore their sanction to any proposition of a general nature presupposes a coincidence of opinion in those they represent, a practical construction correspondent with this constitutional inference has uniformly prevailed in the legislature of this state; nor is it recollected that any of the important reforms in our jurisprudence owe their existence to any other expression of the public will, than that of the immediate representatives of the people; it is presumed that it is the only mean by which the unequivocal and undoubted wishes of voters can be ascertained. But independent of these general propositions, the rise and progress of the bill, the subject of the present message, prove beyond all doubt, that the extension of the equity jurisdiction of the county courts is the most desirable measure to the freemen of Maryland.

In the session of 1808, the contemplated change was much agitated in the popular branch, it was negatived by one vote. The election of 1809 brought an accession of real strength in favour of the reform, and the bill passed the house of delegates with only thirteen dissenting votes; it was negatived by your honourable house. The house of delegates made an appeal from your determination to the state, and caused the very bill which we have acted on this session to be published for the consideration of the people; the bill excited the public attention, and the voice of the people has been manifested in its favour by the selection of delegates who have, with an unanimity unparalleled in the records of legislation, presented to your house the bill for your concurrence; you have again refused to do so, not because the provisions of the bill are inconsistent with the public weal, but because you have no "evidence that the change is required by those essentially interested in its passage." The preceding narrative, and our solemn asseverations that it is required by the people, ought, and we confidently flatter ourselves will, dispel this objection.

We can recognize no reasons, flowing from principles of general policy, why the appeal to a court of dernier