

ised to form a regiment of riflemen ; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the relief of William R. Smith of the city of Baltimore ; the bill for the benefit of the heirs of John Thomas, late of Harford county, deceased ; and the bill to confirm to Thomas, Patrick, William, James, Nicholas and Charles Jennings, the sur-name of Macgill ; severally endorsed " will pass ;" ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill making an uniform provision for the surviving officers and soldiers of the late Maryland line, in the revolutionary war, and for others, endorsed, " will not pass ;" and the following message :

BY THE SENATE, *December 11, 1811.*

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

We have received your message accompanying the bill entitled, " An act to increase the allowance of the justices of the orphans' court of the counties therein mentioned ;" and requesting a re-consideration of the same. Seeing no good reasons why we should do so ; but on the contrary, viewing an increase of allowance in a few counties, as only a commencement, that in a few years would lead to a general rise throughout the state ; and considering the per diem at present received by the members of the orphans' court, as sufficient to cover all ordinary expenses, we do not feel inclined to yield to your request for a re-consideration. Every individual owes something to the community of which he forms a part ; and while rendering services general in their nature, and taking up but a small portion of his time ; the consideration of the claims the public fairly has upon us for a portion of those services, lessens the obligation to make a pecuniary reward for them beyond a moderate allowance for expenses.

By order,

T. ROGERS, CLK.

Which was read.

Mr. L. Duvall delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Anne Arundel county, counter to the petition against public ferries ; which was read and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it is counter.

On motion by Mr. Herbert, *Ordered*, That the bill fixing the mode in which the quota of militia hereafter to be furnished by the state, for the common defence shall be raised, have a second reading on the 20th inst.

Mr. Street delivers the bill for the benefit of James Hope, William Carriens and Robert Carriens, devisees of Thomas McGettgen, late of Harford county, deceased, as amended ; which was read the first and second time by special order ; passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Pechin delivers a petition from James Keys, of the city of Baltimore, praying a special act of insolvency ; which was read and referred to Messrs. Pechin, Donaldson and A. Dorsey.