

Mr. Stevens delivers a bill entitled, An act to enable Richard Trippe, of Talbot county, to manumit certain negroes therein mentioned; which was read.

The bill for the relief of Thomas Hawthorn, of the city of Baltimore; and the bill for the relief of James Dixon, of Calvert county, were read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Jackson delivers a bill entitled, An act to incorporate a bank to be called by the name of the Farmers' Bank of Somerset and Worcester counties; which was read.

Mr. Marriott delivers the following report:

THE Committee to whom was referred the memorial of Cornelius Mills, of Anne-Arundel county, beg leave to submit the following:

WHEREAS, it appears that the said Cornelius Mills acted as adjutant to colonel Hall's regiment in the Maryland line, until he was discharged at Philadelphia in December 1776; that on his return to his native state and the bosom of his family, the Executive, well knowing and appreciating his services, engaged him in the recruiting service, and in disciplining the troops; that he afterwards acted as adjutant to colonel Graves' regiment, stationed on the river Delaware, until the British fleet left that bay, in June 1778; that he rendered many valuable services by disseminating that military knowledge (which he so eminently possessed) to the different regiments which composed the Maryland line during the war; and that by the frequent exposure and hardships (so natural to the military life) which he had to perform, he received a serious injury, which encreases with the pressure of age.

AND WHEREAS, in addition to the hardships borne, and the invaluable services rendered by this meritorious veteran, it appears that the unfortunate and helpless situation of a portion of his family, claims from the parental hand, more than the war-worn and disabled soldier, now in the vale of life, can possibly afford. And whereas, this legislature, unwilling (while enjoying the blessings of that liberty gained by the valor of the revolutionary soldier, to suffer one of those whose case is unprovided for to struggle with the difficulties of age and infirmity, and in vain supplicate the representatives of a free and enlightened people for that justice which ought to be the offspring of a grateful remembrance for services so dear to freemen: *Therefore,*

*Resolved,* That the treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby directed to pay, annually, in quarterly payments, unto Cornelius Mills, or to his order, a sum of money equal to the half-pay of a lieutenant; and that the said half-pay commence from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and eleven, as a further reward to those meritorious services rendered his country, in securing her liberty and independence.

By order,

LOUIS GASSAWAY, Clk.

Which was read.