

and while rendering services general in their nature, and taking up but a small portion of his time, the consideration of the claim 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.

Mr. Lloyd from the committee to whom was referred the bill entitled, An act making an uniform provision for the surviving officers and soldiers of the late Maryland line in the revolutionary war, and for others, reports the same with the following message:

BY THE SENATE, Dec. 11, 1811.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

We have rejected the act making an uniform provision for the surviving officers and soldiers of the late Maryland line, in the revolutionary war, and for others. But feeling equally zealous with yourselves to provide for the surviving soldiers of the revolution, we have deemed it proper, in as much as no amendment could be made by us to the bill rejected, to inform you by message with what provisions we will pass a law for the above objects: 1st. That all persons who served three years in the Maryland line, and who did not desert or join the enemy after his dismissal, and who has received nothing for his services either from the state or the United States, and who are in the opinion of the orphans' court deserving the aid of the state, shall be provided for. 2d. That the aid afforded shall not be less than the half pay of a private, nor more than two hundred dollars per annum, and shall not be estimated by the rank of the petitioner during the war. 3d. That where the petitioner's claim rests on the evidence of persons, they shall give their parole-evidence in the orphans' court. The reasons which induce us to propose the above provisions, are too lengthy for the limits of a message, but we trust they will present themselves to your view on a re-consideration of the subject.

By order,

T. ROGERS, Clk.

Which was read.

The bill being read, the question was put, Shall this bill pass? Determined in the negative.

The message was then read the second time, and the question put, Will the senate agree thereto? Determined in the negative.

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1811.

THE Senate met.—Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Levi Hollingsworth appeared in the senate.

The bill entitled, An act for the relief of William R. Smith, of