

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 21, 1811.

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 increases 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 infirmities, 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 1st day of January 1811, as a further reward to those meritorious services rendered his country in securing her liberty and independence.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clk.

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

The resolutions in favor of William Sewell, Thomas Gadd, John Seaburn, James Maxwell, Henry Spalding and Thomas Rowse, were severally read the second time and assented to.

The resolutions in favor of Sarah Easton and Dorothy Storer, and Peregrine Fitzhugh, were severally read the second time and dissented from.

Mr. Brown from the committee, delivers a bill entitled, A supplement to an act entitled, An act directing what shall be good evidence to prove foreign and other debts and deeds and wills and instruments of writing executed in any of the United States, or in any foreign country; for allowing discounts, and for repealing