

The bill for the relief of William Priestly of the city of Annapolis, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Lewis from the committee delivers a bill entitled, An act annulling the marriage of Conrad Itzman, and Eve his wife; which was read.

Mr. Hogg delivers a bill entitled, An act to lay out, open and amend a road in Cecil county; which was read.

Mr. Plater from the committee delivers a bill entitled, An act for the benefit of the trustees of Charlotte Hall School, and to repeal the acts of Assembly therein mentioned; which was read.

Mr. Lecompte delivers a petition from Matilda Bruff of the city of Baltimore, praying a divorce from her husband Samuel Bruff; which was read and referred to Messrs. Lecompte, Wright and Stewart.

Mr. Perry from the committee delivers the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of James Clarke, report, that they have considered the same, and find from the certificate of the Auditor that he served as a matross in the Maryland Artillery, and received the pay due him at the close of the war in depreciation certificates; but it does not appear at what time he enlisted, or when discharged; your committee, some of whom have known the petitioner for many years, believe the facts stated in his petition to be true; they therefore submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby directed and required, to pay unto James Clarke or his order, a sum of money in quarterly payments, equal to the half-pay of a matross, during the revolutionary war, as a further remuneration to the said James Clarke, for the services rendered his country, and as a relief from the indigence and misery which attend his decrepitude and old age.

By order,

JOHN STEVENS, Junr. Clk.

which was read.

On motion by Mr. Banning leave given to bring in a bill entitled, An act regulating the manner of repairing the public roads in the several counties therein mentioned. *Ordered*, That Messrs. Banning, Wilson, Young, Potts and Plater be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Callis from the committee delivers a bill entitled, An act for the relief of Anne Onions of Prince George's county; which was read.

Mr. Lecompte from the committee delivers the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Brown of Dorchester county, have taken the same into their most serious consideration, and beg leave to report, That the petitioner, on the sixteenth day of August, seventeen hundred and ninety seven, paid into the treasury of the western shore, the sum of one hundred and sixty pounds, fifteen shillings and nine pence, for a proclamation warrant, obtained under an act of Assembly, passed at November session seventeen hundred and ninety-five, as appears by a statement signed by the treasurer of the western shore in the possession of the committee. In consequence of the failure of the petitioner to complete the payment of the composition money necessary to secure his title to the said lands, by the provisions of an act of Assembly passed at November session eighteen hundred and four, the lands reverted to the State. It appears to the committee that the failure aforesaid was occasioned by the utter inability of the petitioner, by reason of sudden and unexpected misfortunes to comply with his contract, and not from the wilfulness of the petitioner. The committee conceiving it inconsistent with the dignity and justice of the State, to take advantage of the poverty and misfortunes of its citizens, beg leave to recommend the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the register of the land office of the western shore be, and he is hereby authorised and directed, to issue to Samuel Brown of Dorchester county, a special or common warrant for five hundred and eighty six acres of land in Allegany county, without the said Samuel Brown procuring any order from the treasurer of the western shore therefor, it being as a remuneration to him for one tenth of the composition paid by him on obtaining a proclamation warrant to affect a certain tract of land in said county called Timberhand.

By order,

JOHN STEVENS, Junr. Clk.

which was read.

Mr. Marriott from the committee delivers a bill entitled, An act to repeal the act and supplement therein mentioned; which was read.

Mr. Frey delivers a bill entitled, An act to change the name of Creswell's Ferry in Cecil county; which was read.

Mr. Frey from the committee delivers the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas Milburn of Cecil county, report, that they have considered the same, and find from sufficient testimony that the petitioner was a private in the sixth Maryland Regiment; they therefore submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby authorised and directed, to pay unto Nicholas Milburn, late a private in the Maryland line, during the revolutionary war, or to his order, a sum of money annually in quarterly payments, equal to the half pay of a private.

By order,

BEN. GRAY, Clk.

which was read.

Mr. Forwood, (of Wm.) from the committee delivers a bill entitled, An act making public a certain tract of land in Harford county, and vacating the roads therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time by special order and passed.

The bill entitled, An act for opening an alley from Holliday-street to North-street in the city of Baltimore, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Emerson delivers a petition from Sutton I. Weems, of Calvert county, praying further time for the payment of a judgment recovered against him by the State; which was read and referred to Messrs. Emerson, Taney and Callis.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning nine o'clock.