

of money equal to the half-pay of a private, as a further remuneration to him for these services by which his country has been so essentially benefitted.

By order,

HENRY D. SCOTT, Clk.

Which was read.

The bill entitled, An act to establish a Bank and incorporate a company under the title of the Bank of Somerset, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Handy delivers a counter memorial from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, to the act for opening and extending Pratt-street; which was read and referred to the committee on the several petitions relative to Pratt-street.

The bill entitled, An act to lay out a public road from M'Shane's or Taylor's ferry on the Potomac to Crampton's gap, on the south mountain in Washington county, was read the second time by special order and passed.

The bill entitled a further supplement to an act passed at November session seventeen hundred and ninety-six, entitled, An act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of Assembly therein mentioned, was read the second time, amended and passed.

Mr. Stevens delivers a bill entitled, An act to make public a road in Queen Ann's county, and to repeal the act of Assembly therein mentioned; which was read.

Mr. F. M. Hall from the committee delivers the following report:

THE Committee to whom was referred the petition of William Ferguson, report, that they have examined into the facts stated in said petition, and find that the said William Ferguson on the eleventh day of December seventeen hundred and ninety-three, made known to the agent of the State of Maryland, that a tract or parcel of land lying in Prince George's county, called Turkey Thicket, supposed to contain, about one hundred acres of land, adjoining Mrs. Morduit and Jonas Bery's lands; that on the twenty-first day of November seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, Robert Brent, Esqr. purchased of the agent the States right, in and to fifty acres, part of the said land, for the price or sum of one hundred and fifty pounds current money, and passed his bond to the State for that amount, and that the residue of the said land lying in Prince George's county remains undisposed of; your committee also find that on the twentieth day of May, eighteen hundred and one, the said Robert Brent paid to the treasurer of the western shore, the said sum of one hundred and fifty pounds with the interest due thereon, amounting in the whole to the sum of one hundred and sixty-three pounds ten shillings, current money; that by law the agent was authorised to allow to the discoverer of confiscated British property one third part of the value thereof, but inasmuch as the whole amount of the purchase money for the land aforesaid, has been paid into the treasury, the petitioner cannot now obtain his part thereof, without the interposition of the legislature; your committee therefore submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the treasurer of the western shore pay unto William Ferguson, or to his legal representatives, the sum of fifty four pounds ten shillings, being the one third part of the purchase money received by the State for land sold by the agent as confiscated British property, he the said William Ferguson being the discoverer thereof.

By order,

JOHN STEVENS, Junr. Clk.

Which was read.

The report of the committee of grievances was read the second time, and the question put, that the words "committee of grievances" in the order be stricken out, for the purpose of inserting "clerk of this house," Resolved in the affirmative. The question was then put, that the house concur in the report, and adopt the order. Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Randall delivers a bill entitled, An Act to lay out and open a road in Baltimore county; which was read.

Mr. Wm. Hall delivers a petition from Ezekiel Waters, of Anne-Arundel county, praying that the levy court may be authorised to levy a sum of money for his support; which was read and referred to Messrs. Wm. Hall, Z. Duvall and Marriott.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the relief of Simeon Churchill, of the city of Baltimore, endorsed, "will not pass;" a bill entitled, An act authorising Thomas Saulsbury late sheriff and collector of Caroline county to complete his collection, passed by the senate Dec. 10; a bill entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property in the several counties of this State, passed by the senate; and the bill entitley, a further supplement to the act entitled, An act for the relief of sundry solvent debtors, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read.

The report of the committee on the petition of Ingram Cann, was read the second time, concurred in, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

Mr. Wilson from the committee delivers the following report:

THE Committee to whom was referred the petition of Jesse Wright, an old soldier in the revolutionary war, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true; they therefore submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby directed to pay to Jesse Wright, an old soldier during the revolutionary war, or to his order, annually in quarterly payments, a sum of money equal to the half-pay of a private, as a further remuneration for the services rendered his country during the revolutionary war.

By order,

JOHN STEVENS, Junr. Clk.

Which was read the first and second time by special order, concurred in, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

The report on the petition of John Thompson, was read the second time, concurred in and the resolution therein contained assented to.

The bill entitled, An act to provide for the appointment of commissioners, for the regulation and improvement of Snow-Hill in Worcester county, was read the second time and passed.