

*Resolved*, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby directed and required, to pay to John B. Branson, late a soldier in the revolutionary war, belonging to the Maryland line, or to his order, annually in quarterly payments, a sum of money equal to the half-pay of a private, as a provision to him in his indigent situation and advanced life for those services by which his country has been so essentially benefitted. All which is submitted.

By order,

WM. WICKES, Clk.

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

Mr. Dorsey from the committee delivers the following report :

THE Committee to whom was referred the petition of William Bruce, of Charles county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find from the documents accompanying the same, that he served in the Maryland line from the commencement of the revolutionary war to the end thereof ; and that he was a brave and meritorious officer ; they are therefore of opinion that from his infirmities and old age, and having a wife and a numerous offspring, it will be humanity in the legislature to afford him the relief prayed for ; they therefore submit the following resolution :

*Resolved* That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby directed, to pay unto William Bruce, late a captain 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 captain, as a further remuneration for those services rendered his country during the American war. All which is submitted.

By order,

HENRY D. SCOTT, Clk.

Which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill entitled, An act to authorise a lottery or lotteries, to raise a sum of money to make a turnpike road from Frederick-Town to Harper's ferry, and for other purposes, endorsed, " will pass." Ordered to be engrossed ; also the bill for the valuation of real and personal property within this State, accompanied by the following message.

BY THE SENATE, Dec. 11, 1812.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

When your message was received accompanying the bill entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property within this State, requesting a reconsideration of the same, a bill of a similar nature was under the consideration of the senate, which they have since passed ; we therefore decline a reconsideration of the bill sent from your house.

By order,

THOS. ROGERS, Clk.

And the bill entitled, An act for the encouragement of learning, and erecting schools in the several counties within this State, for the renewal of the charters of the several Banks therein mentioned and for other purposes, endorsed, " will not pass," accompanied by the following message.

BY THE SENATE, Dec. 11, 1812.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

We have rejected your bill entitled, An act for the encouragement of learning and erecting schools in the several counties within this State, for the renewal of the charters of the several Banks therein mentioned and for other purposes. We consider ourselves precluded by the provisions of the constitution, from making any amendment in the usual form to this bill, in consequence of some of its provisions which give it the character of a money bill ; and we regret that your house should have blended, (inadvertently we presume) such matter with it ; considering the bill of great importance as it regards the establishment of a system of education, we are anxious to pass it, and hope on reconsideration you will agree to strike out all those parts which constitute it a money bill, and originate a separate bill appropriating money to carry the object into effect.

By order,

THOS. ROGERS, Clk.

Which were severally read.

The house adjourns until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, December 14, 1812.

THE House met.—The speaker being absent the house proceeded to ballot for a speaker pro-tempore. The ballots being deposited in the ballot box, on the examination thereof it appeared that Mr. Bowles was unanimously elected ; who took his seat accordingly.

The proceedings of Saturday were read.

Mr. Barney delivers a petition from Martha Rawlings, of the city of Baltimore, praying a divorce, which was read and referred to Messrs. Barney, Frey and Long.

Mr. Crabb delivers a petition from Jane White, of the city of Baltimore, stating that her house in Baltimore has been materially injured by a mob, and praying relief ; which was read and referred to Messrs. Crabb, Plater and Dorsey.

Mr. Young delivers a petition from James Peppin, and others of Caroline county, praying that a law may pass to authorise the draining of the Bee Tree Swamp ; which was read and referred to Messrs. Young, Hughlett and Potter.

Mr. Banning delivers a bill entitled, An act for the relief of Robert Bruff, which was read the first and second time by special order, passed and sent to the senate.

The bill supplementary to the act relating to negroes ; and the bill for the relief of Ezekiel Waters of Anne-Arundel county ; were sent to the senate.

The bill entitled, An act for the relief of Henry Sprague, now of the city of Baltimore ; was read the second time passed and sent to the senate.

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

Mr. Burgess from the committee delivers the following report :

THE Committee to whom was referred the petition of James Hall and James Butcher, in behalf of the securities of John B. Hackett, collector of the county taxes in Queen Ann's county for the