

Mr. Donaldson delivers a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Franklin Lee Ridgely and Richard Greenbury Ridgely, minors. Mr. Hambleton a bill entitled, an act for the relief of John Bullen, of Albort county; and Mr. Griffith a bill entitled, an act to incorporate the trustees of the Cambridge Academy, which were severally read.

Mr. Riggs from the committee delivers the following report :

The committee to whom was referred the petition of William Layman of Montgomery county, report, that from the documents herewith exhibited, they find that the petitioner entered into the service of his country early in the revolutionary war, that on the tenth of April, 1777 he was appointed an ensign in the first Maryland regiment, and shortly after was promoted a Lieutenant, and continued until the 4th of June, 1779. Your committee further report, that it appears that the said William Layman, during all his services, deported himself in a manner highly honorable to himself and beneficial to his country, and well sustained the character of a true American patriot; that the said petitioner is now old and infirm, bending beneath a weight of age and infirmities brought on him by hardships sustained by labor and fatigue, while fighting the battles of his country. Your committee therefore recommend the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to William Layman, of Montgomery county, late a Lieutenant in the first Maryland regiment, in the revolutionary war, a sum of money annually, in quarterly payments, equal to the half pay of a lieutenant during his life, as a further compensation for those invaluable services rendered his country while fighting for her liberties and securing her independence.

By order,

HENRY D. SCOTT, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Wm. B. Williams from the committee delivers the following report :

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Neale Peacock, late a soldier in the revolutionary war, beg leave to report that they have had the same under their consideration, and that a resolution ought to pass, allowing him the half pay of a private during his life. They therefore submit the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That the treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to pay to Neal Peacock or his order, in quarterly payments, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a private in the revolutionary war.

By order,

BEN. GRAY, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Lecompte from the committee delivers the following report :

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Solomon Harris, of Dorchester county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and believe 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 authorized and directed, to pay unto Solomon Harris, of Dorchester county, or to his order annually, in quarterly payments, during life, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a private, as a provision for him in his indigent situation, and as a further remuneration to him for those services rendered his country during the revolutionary war.

By order,

HENRY D. SCOTT, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Stonestreet from the committee delivers the following report :

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Archibald Johnson of Charles county, a serjeant in the revolutionary army, 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 authorized and required to pay to Archibald Johnson, of Charles county, a serjeant in the revolutionary war, or to his order, a sum of money annually in quarterly payments, equal to the half pay of a serjeant, as a farther remuneration for his services in the revolutionary war.

By order,

JOHN STEVENS, Junr. Clk.

Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Donaldson, the question was put that the house adjourn until to-morrow morning, nine o'clock.—Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Quinton, the question was put that the house adjourn until this evening at five o'clock. Resolved in the affirmative, and the house adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 5 o'clock, P. M.

The house met. The report on the petition of John Norris, of Montgomery county, was read the second time, and referred to the consideration of the next General Assembly.

Mr. Hughlett from the committee delivers the following report :

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin M'Nesh, of Caroline county, a revolutionary soldier, beg leave to report, that it appears to your committee that the said Benjamin M'Nesh enlisted in the seventh Maryland regiment, under captain Edward Coursey, of Queen Ann's county, in the year 1776, and was engaged in the ever memorable battle of White Plains, in which battle captain Coursey was unfortunately taken prisoner, and the company broken up, that the said M'Nesh was then attached to captain John Reddings company, being part of col. John Pattons regiment, in the division commanded by gen. Charles Scott, and that the said Benjamin M'Nesh served two years and six months, for all which services he never received one cent; and as it is manifestly the policy of an enlightened and liberal legislature to provide sustenance for the war worn soldier; and the funds of the state being every way adequate to all such exigencies—Your committee beg leave to submit the following resolution.