

Mr. L. Duvall delivers a petition from Alice Craycroft of the city of Annapolis, praying that the levy court of Anne Arundel county may be authorised to levy a sum of money for her support; which was read and referred to Messrs. L. Duvall, Wm. Hall and Belt.

On motion by Mr. Young, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act to repeal so much of the laws of this state as require a property qualification in jurors. Ordered that Messrs. Young, Potts and Walker be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Young from the committee of claims delivers the following report :

The committee of claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Jehu Chandler, have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that from a resolution of the general assembly of November session, 1811, adopted after the said Jehu Chandler was appointed printer to the state, varying in some measure the duties of the printer, by which means the duties were enhanced and additional expence incurred, and that the said Jehu is entitled to additional compensation, they therefore beg leave to submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the governor and council in the recess of the general assembly be, and they are hereby authorised to adjust the claim of the said Jehu Chandler, and allow him such sum as they may in justice believe him entitled to, for any services he may have performed or expenses incurred, beyond the ordinary services which had been performed and expense incurred by his predecessor—and to draw on the treasurer of the Western Shore for such sum as they shall award to the said printer.

By order,

BEN. GRAY, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Evans from the committee delivers the following report :

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel M'Connell of Cæcil county, a revolutionary soldier, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under 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 authorised and directed to pay to Samuel M'Connell, of Cæcil county, or to his order, annually in quarterly payments, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a serjeant, as a remuneration for his services during the revolutionary war.

By order,

JOHN STEVENS, Junr. Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Evans from the committee delivers the following report :

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Robert Leech, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner cannot be granted, consistent with the principles of sound legislation, and that the judiciary is the proper tribunal to decide the matters therein stated, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order,

JOHN STEVENS, Junr. Clk.

Which was read.

The bill entitled, an act annulling the marriage of Wm. Whetcroft and Anne Whetcroft his wife, of the city of Annapolis, was read the second time and referred to the consideration of the next general assembly.

The bill entitled, an act annulling the marriage of Vincent P. Taylor and Elizabeth his wife; and the bill entitled, an act to encourage the education of youth in Worcester county, were severally read the second time and passed.

On motion by Mr. T. N. Williams, the following message was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 21, 1812.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

Your message, proposing to adjourn on the 18th inst. was received by this house at a very early period of the session. This house declined giving an answer until it should be fully prepared to say what time the interest of the state would justify a close of the session. We are now convinced that the business of this house may be acted upon by Thursday the 24th inst. we therefore propose, with the concurrence of your house, to close the session on that day.

By order,

UPTON S. REID, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Bowles, *Ordered*, That the committee of claims close the journal of accounts, including Friday next.

On motion by Mr. Young, *Ordered*, That Ann Whetcroft have leave to withdraw her petition and the accompanying documents.

Mr. Young deliver a bill entitled, an act to repeal as much of the laws of this state as requires a property qualification in jurors; Mr. T. N. Williams a bill entitled, a supplement to an act passed at the session 1796, entitled, an act respecting the roads in Somerset and Worcester counties; Mr. Frey a bill entitled, an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of building a bridge over the river Susquehanna, at or near Rock Run; Mr. Caldwell a bill entitled, an act authorising Richard Trippe and Susanah Trippe of Talbot county, to manumit and set free the several negroes therein mentioned; and Wilson a bill entitled, an act to extend the same constitutional privileges to all persons conscientious scrupulous of taking an oath as are now enjoyed by the religious societies called Quakers, Menonites, Tunkers, and Nicolites or New Quakers, and to repeal all such parts of the constitution and former government as are repugnant thereto; which were severally read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill entitled, an act for the benefit of John Sample, of York county, Pennsylvania, the bill for the benefit of Franklin Lee Ridgely and Richard Greenbury Ridgely, minors; and the bill entitled, an act authorising Richard Ruff, of Harford county, to make sale of the lands therein mentioned, severally endorsed "will not pass." the bill entitled, an act for the relief of John Miller and David Bonehart, trustees of James Farquhar, of Frederick county; the bill entitled, an act to authorise and direct the sheriff of Montgomery county to execute a deed or deeds therein mentioned; the bill entitled, an act to authorise the levy court of Baltimore county to remit a part of the