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By order,

UPTON S. REID, Clk.

Which were severally read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill entitled, an act for the relief of Dennis M. Burgess, of Prince George's county, was read the second time and will not pass. Sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill entitled, an act to lay out and open a road in Cecil county, was read the second time, passed with the proposed amendment, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

*Amendment proposed.*

At the end of the bill add "and provided also that no person through whose land the said road shall pass, and who is a petitioner for the same, shall be entitled to any damages of this act. AND BE IT ENACTED, that the said commissioners, before they proceed to act, shall take an oath before some justice of the peace, that they will, without favor, partiality or prejudice, assess the damages sustained by the persons through whose land the said road may pass, by reason of opening the same."

The bill entitled, a further additional supplement to an act entitled, an act for opening a certain road in Baltimore county therein mentioned; the bill entitled, a supplement to an act to lay out and make a public road in Baltimore county, passed the twentieth of January eighteen hundred and eight; the bill entitled, an act to lay out, open and amend a road in Cecil county; and the bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act to confirm a road in Harford and Baltimore counties therein mentioned, were severally read the second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill entitled, an act for the support of Stephen Caywood of Montgomery county; a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of the infant children of Thomas Helm, late of Washington county deceased; a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of John Allen, of Cecil county, severally passed by that house Dec. 7th. 1812; and the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 7, 1812.

*Resolved.* That the treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby directed and required to pay to Charles Williams, late a private in the revolutionary war, in the Maryland line, or to his order, annually, in quarterly payments, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a private: And likewise, is hereby directed and required to pay to Jesse Bullock, late a private in the revolutionary war, in 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 further remuneration to them for those services by which their country has been so essentially benefitted.

By order,

UPTON S. REID, Clk.

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The resolution relative to repairing and furnishing the government house, was read the second time, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

Mr. Stephen from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Jehu Chandler, printer to the state, delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Jehu Chandler, printer to the state, report, that they have taken the claims of the memorialist into consideration, and finding his statement to be true in point of fact, and the rights which it asserts to be well established upon invariable usage and unquestionable principle, they beg leave to submit the following resolution:

*Resolved.* That Jehu Chandler, in virtue of the resolution passed at November session eighteen hundred and eleven, is entitled to print the laws and votes and proceedings of the general assembly, &c. to perform such other services as have been usually performed by the printer employed by the state, or may be required by the legislature, or either branch thereof, or by the governor and the council, and that this right can only be divested or taken away by a regular and constitutional repeal of the resolution from which it is derived.

Your committee being also aware that the constitutional powers of the senate are inadequate to redress the wrongs of which the memorialist complains, without the concurrence of the house of delegates, who are alone vested with power to originate any bill or resolution appropriating money in the treasury to any specific object, take the liberty to recommend a reference of said memorial to the consideration of that branch of the legislature, and that it be accompanied with the following message:

BY THE SENATE, Dec. 7, 1812.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

The memorial of the printer to the state which accompanies this communication, was presented to the senate a few days ago, and has been acted on as far as the constitutional powers of this body enable them to administer relief; that is, by expressing an opinion that the claims of the memorialist are well founded both upon usage and principle, and are therefore deserving of relief by the exercise of legislative authority. They are well founded upon usage, because the late printer to the state (his predecessor in office) and those who preceded him, were not only entrusted with, and compensated for the printing of the laws and votes and proceedings of the general assembly; but they were also employed and paid to execute every occasional demand which might require the use of their professional services. This exclusive right of the printer to execute all the printing business of the state, seems to have been considered not only as incidental to his appointment, but as inseparably appendant to his office; for neither an appeal to the memory of those who now live, nor the strictest scrutiny into the legislative annals of the state, will be found to furnish any one instance, in which a separation has been made. Upon usage then, we feel ourselves compelled to say that the claims of the memorialist are well founded, and entitled to consideration. Upon principle we think they are equally so. We assume it as a position which cannot be denied, that upon the true construction of the constitution, the same degree of power which is requisite to create, is necessary to annul any act of legislation, whether it be