

On motion by Mr. J. H. Thomas, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act to extend the powers of the orphans courts of the several counties of this state, in certain cases; *Ordered*, that Messrs J. H. Thomas, Tilghman and Lecompte, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same. The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, Dec. 14, 1813.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

We have appointed Messrs Holbrook and Hebb to join the gentlemen nominated by your house to wait upon his excellency the governor elect, and request his attendance in the senate chamber for the purpose of qualifying, as pointed out by the constitution and form of government. By order,

THO'S. ROGERS, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. S. Stevens delivers a petition from John Maxwell, junr. of Talbot county, praying that the state will release its right to a certain lot of ground in which his wife has an equitable interest; which was read and referred to Messrs S. Stevens, Bennett and Martin.

The bill entitled, an act for the benefit of James Galbraith, of Cecil county, was read second time by special order and passed.

Mr. Jones from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard Taylor, of Montgomery 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 February 1780, till May 1783, as a private soldier; 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 Richard Taylor, a private 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 private, as a further remuneration for those services rendered his country during the American war.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey, *Ordered*, that Messrs Dorsey, Somervell, Plater, Donaldson and Quanton be a committee to whom shall be referred all petitions from old soldiers, praying compensation for their services.

Mr. M' Culloh delivers a petition from Moses M' Kinsey, of Allegany county, a revolutionary soldier, praying relief; which was read and referred to the committee on soldier's petitions.

Mr. Randall delivers a petition from Richard Waters, of the city of Baltimore, praying that the state will pay him for certain articles purchased by order of Brigadier General Miller for the use of the drafted militia stationed at Baltimore, and receive those articles as the property of the state; which was read and referred to Messrs Randall, Harryman and Lecompte.

Mr. Tabbs and Mr. Fenwick from the senate acquaint the speaker that the governor elect is attending in the senate room, and the senate requests his attendance with the members of the house of delegates, in the senate room, to see the governor qualified.

The speaker left the chair, and attended by the members of this house, went to the senate room, where his excellency qualified in the presence of both houses, by subscribing a declaration of his belief in the christian religion; by taking the several oaths required by the constitution and form of government; the oath of office directed by an act of Assembly, and by taking an oath to support the constitution of the United States.

The speaker attended by the members of this house, returned and resumed the chair.

Mr. F. M. Hall delivers a petition from Henry W. Magruder, praying a special act of insolvency; which was read and referred to Messrs F. M. Hall, Callis and Ford.

Mr. Gabby delivers a bill entitled, an act annulling the marriage of John Repp and Catharina his wife of Washington county; which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, Dec. 14, 1813.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

The senate are prepared to go immediately into the appointment of a council to the governor. Messrs James Nabb, James Butcher, Thomas W. Hall, and Reverdy Gheselin are put in nomination by the senate in addition to the persons named in your message. Messrs Hawkins and Levi Hollingsworth are appointed on the part of the senate to join the gentlemen named by your house to count the ballots.

By order,

THO'S. ROGERS, Clk.

Which was read. The house having qualified agreeably to the constitution and form of government, proceeded to the choice of a council to the governor; the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported that William Bond Martin, Samuel Ridout, Thomas G. Addison, William H. Ward and Alexander C. Magruder had a majority of votes: *Whereupon*,

*Resolved*, That William Bond Martin, Samuel Ridout, Thomas G. Addison, William H. Ward and Alexander C. Magruder be, and they are hereby declared to be the council to the governor.

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

BY THE COMMITTEE OF CLAIMS.

Your committee beg leave to report, that they have examined the accounts and proceedings of Benjamin Harwood, treasurer of the Western Shore of Maryland, and find by an account settled by the committee of claims, to the first of November, one thousand eight hundred and twelve there was a balance of \$ 100,331 46 cents, funded six per cent stock; \$ 428,194 29 cents deferred six per cent stock; \$ 263,448 76 cents funded three per cent stock; 5,052 46 cents of