

Mr. Donaldson delivers a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Caspar Otto Muller, of the city of Baltimore, and a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Walter Simpson and Walter Simpson, junr. of the city of Baltimore; which were severally read.

Mr. Lusby delivers a petition from Sinclair Lancaster, and Mr. Millard a petition from Josias Alvey, old soldiers, praying relief; which were severally read and referred to the standing committee on soldier's petitions.

Mr. Lusby delivers a petition from John and James Allen, of Frederick Town, in Cecil county, stating that they sustained great injury from the enemy in an attack made on Frederick Town in May last, and praying relief; which was read and referred to Messrs. Hogg, Lusby and John R. Evans.

The bill entitled, an act to give validity and operation to a deed of conveyance therein mentioned, was read the second time by special order and passed.

The order for referring to a select committee the resolutions relating to the elections of Delegates to the General Assembly, was read the second time, and the question put, that the house adopt the said order? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Plater, Millard, Blackiston, Hands, Brown, Taney, Turner, Stonestreet, Ford, Rogeron, Bayly, Cottman, Waller, Long, Stewart, Griffith, Tootle, Jno. R. Evans, Lusby, Hogg, Robert Evans, Somervell, Callis, Wilson, Williams, Quinton, Handy, J. Thomas, Delaplane, John H. Thomas, Jones, Kilgour, Crabb, Hilleary, Robinett, M'Culloh, Howard—37.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Sellman, Belt, Wm. Hall, Randall, Stansbury, Martin, Claude, Duvall, Emory, Wright, Forwood of Wm. Forwood of Jacob, Dillam, Maulsby, Saulsbury, Culbreth, Wilis, Barney, Donaldson, Tilghman, Mason, Kershner, Gabby—23.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The house proceeded to ballot for a committee; and the ballots having been counted by the gentlemen appointed for that purpose, it appeared, that Messrs. John H. Thomas, Wilson, Plater, Kilgour and Bayly, were elected. See page 66

Mr. Donaldson delivers a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Henry E. Bayly, an insolvent debtor of the city of Baltimore, and a bill entitled, an act to incorporate the Patapsco Insurance Company; which were severally read.

Mr. Donaldson delivers a petition from Joseph Chapman of the city of Baltimore, praying a special act of insolvency; which was read and referred to Messrs Donaldson, Barney and Randall.

Mr. Donaldson delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, relative to the public wharves; which were read and referred to Messrs Donaldson, Tilghman and Plater.

Mr. Plater from the committee delivers the following report: The committee to whom was referred the petition of the President and Directors of the Potomac Company, beg leave to report to this honorable house: That they have examined and considered the said petition, and have compared the same with the resolution of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at November session, 1812, to which the said petition refers. That from the examination it appears, that the President and Directors of the Potomac Company have been prevented from obtaining the benefit intended for them by the resolution of the General Assembly, passed at November session, 1812, by two causes.

First, by the construction given by Benjamin Harwood, the trustee of the state, to that resolution, which induced him to insist upon the funds of the said company being pledged, and demanding the requisite bond and security to be given, not for the reimbursement, (at the times required by the said resolution) of stock to an equal amount, and of the like kind with that proposed to be loaned by the state, but for a reimbursement of such loan in money of the United States.

Secondly—by the demand of Benjamin Harwood, the trustee, of a Bond from the President and Directors, with security, so drawn as to charge the obligors in their individual capacities.

Without expressing any opinion as to the propriety of the demand of Benjamin Harwood as to the first point, and without entertaining any doubt as to the propriety of his demand in the second place stated, your committee are of opinion, that the prayer of the petitioners, so far as relates to the reimbursement of the stock) at the times and in the proportions required by the resolution passed in 1812) in stock of a similar nature and to the like amount, instead of money, is reasonable and right, and ought to be granted.

That as to the second point, your committee are of opinion that it is unreasonable to pledge their persons and property for the reimbursement of a loan intended to promote a great public object, in which they are interested only in common with others, and in which the state of Maryland itself has a much greater interest than any individual.—That as it is unreasonable to ask such a pledge, so it is in vain to expect it. That there is no necessity to ask such security, inasmuch as your committee have no doubt that the funds of the said company pledged, (as the petitioners propose) for the reimbursement of this loan with interest, and the bond of the body politic to the same effect, will give to the state, the most perfect security for the punctual payment of the stock so to be loaned in the time and manner contemplated. They therefore submit to this honorable house the following resolution:

Resolved, That Benjamin Harwood, trustee of the state, be and he is hereby authorised and directed, to transfer the thirty thousand dollars of six per cent. stock of the United States,