

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Dec. 23, 1813.

*Gentlemen,*

In the course of the last spring a number of the militia of adjoining states volunteered their services for the defence of points of Maryland threatened with attack, and they were accepted by our officers.

When the pay rolls were forwarded to this department, they were rejected, because the law did not authorise their employment, as however, in any similar emergency, the services of our fellow citizens of other states might be of essential benefit to us, the propriety of authorising their acceptance, and an allowance to them of the pay and rations given to our militia, is respectfully submitted.

In acting upon the subject, the legislature will of course take into consideration the propriety of directing payment to those who have already been in our service; most of them were employed in Cecil county, at a time when the enemy was there in considerable fore, and the most honorable testimony has been borne to their good conduct.

We have the honor to be, gentlemen, your most obedient servants,

LEV. WINDER.

Which was read, and on motion by Mr. Wilson, referred to the committee on that part of the former communication of the executive, which relates to the defenceless and unprotected situation in which the state has been left by the general government, the calamities of the war, and the means of defence.

The bill entitled, an act explanatory and supplemental to an act entitled, an act respecting the bringing of slaves from the District of Columbia into this state, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

The bill entitled, an act for the relief of James Spillman, of the city of Baltimore; the bill entitled a supplement to the act entitled, an act for the relief of Aquila Beall, of Prince George's county; and the bill for the relief of Walter Simpson, and Walter Simpson, Junr. were sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill entitled, an act for the relief of Dennis Kennedy, of Frederick county; and the bill entitled, an act to incorporate the Bible Society of Baltimore, severally endorsed, "will pass," Ordered to be engrossed; the bill entitled, an act to confirm and make valid certain proceedings of the levy court of Prince George's county, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read. Also a bill entitled, an act to open and extend Queen street in the city of Baltimore, passed by the senate Dec. 29, and the following resolution:

BY THE SENATE, December 29, 1813.

*Resolved,* That the governor and council cause an index to be made to all acts and resolutions of the General Assembly, passed since the year seventeen hundred and ninety nine, with references to the sessions, chapters and sections, and that the same be printed, bound up and distributed, with such of the acts of the present session as are required to be furnished to the several courts and judges thereof.

By order,

THOS. ROGERS, Clk.

Which was read.

The house adjourns until to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, December 30.

THE House met.—Present the same members as on yesterday.—The proceedings of yesterday were read.

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

Mr. Randall delivers a petition from Zachariah Roberts, of Baltimore city, praying compensation for certain services rendered by him in the quarter master's department to the drafted militia stationed in Baltimore; which was read and referred to Messrs. Randall, Barney and Harryman.

Mr. Donaldson delivers a petition from John Marray and Josias Stevenson, securities for Thomas Buley, former sheriff of Baltimore county, praying that they may be released from the interest due on certain sums of money due to the state; which was read and referred to Messrs. Donaldson, Dorsey and Bayly.

Mr. Donaldson delivers a petition from Gustavus R. A. Brown and Caroline, his wife, of Prince William county, Virginia, praying that they may be authorised to sell certain real property in this state, belonging to the said Caroline, who is yet a minor, which was read and referred to Messrs. Donaldson, Dorsey and Barney.

Mr. Dorsey delivers a petition from Gerard H. Snowden, and others, praying the incorporation of a company to make a turnpike road from Baltimore to the District of Columbia; which was read and referred to Messrs. Dorsey, Donaldson, Howard, F. M. Hall and Warner.

Mr. Jervis Spencer delivers a petition from Richard Newman, of Kent county, praying that his title to certain real property purchased before he was naturalized may be confirmed; which was read and referred to Messrs. Jervis Spencer, Browne and Lecompte.

Mr. Kilgour delivers a petition from Henry Waring and Melicent Waring, John L. Brooke, Eleanor Brooke and Margaret Brooke, praying that certain lands in which they have an interest in common with certain infants, may be sold; which was read and referred to Messrs. Kilgour, Crabb and Jones.

Mr. Harryman delivers a petition from William Wheeler, Jr. of Baltimore county, praying