

poses therein mentioned; the bill entitled, an act to exempt spinning wheels and looms from execution or distress, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The bill entitled, an act to straighten and amend an old road in Washington county, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read. The bill entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, an act to revive an act entitled, an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the town of Westminster in Frederick county, through Harman's Gap to Hager's Town in Washington county, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. A bill entitled, an act to provide for a session of the Court of Appeals in the city of Baltimore, to hear and decide causes carried up to that court from the courts in Baltimore county, passed by the senate January 27; the bill entitled, an act to establish a bank and incorporate a company to be styled The Bank of Westminster; and a bill entitled, an act to declare in force an act entitled, an act to punish certain crimes and misdemeanors, and to prevent the growth of toryism, passed February session 1777, severally passed by the senate, January 28; which were read. Also the bills for the relief of Samuel M'Kean, Isaac Walker, Levin Kimmey, David Stirrat, Joseph Chapman, Henry E. Bayly, Alexander M'Connell, Walter Muschett, Caspar Otto Muller, Alexander Mitchell, Charles Herstons, Henry W. Magruder, James Spillman, John Devereux, Walter Simpson, Senr. and Walter Simpson, Junr. and Caleb Boyle, severally endorsed, "will not pass."

The amendments proposed by the senate to the bill entitled, an act to prevent geese and swine from going at large in the town of Rockville in Montgomery county; and the amendments proposed to the bill entitled, an act to lay out and open a road in Dorchester county; were severally read the second time, assented to and the bills ordered to be engrossed.

The amendments proposed by the senate to the bill entitled, a further supplement to the act entitled, an act for opening and extending Aisquith street in the eastern precincts of Baltimore, were read the second time and dissented from.

The report of the committee appointed to inquire into the nature and extent of the duties performed by the militia accountants, and into the sufficiency of those officers, was read the second time, and the blank in the resolution having been filled up with one hundred dollars, the question was put, that the house concur in the report and assent to the resolution. Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill entitled, an act to provide a summary mode for the recovery of damages for cutting, destroying or carrying away timber from off the land of any person within this state, was read the second time, and the question put, shall the said bill pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

#### AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Millard, Jervis Spencer, Hands, Sellman, Belt, Wm. Hall, Randall, Stansbury, Martin, Hogg, Robert Evans, Wright, Quinton, Handy, J. Thomas, Forwood, of Wm. Forwood, of Jb. Dallam, Maulsby, Saulsbury, Potter, Culbreth, Willis, Barney, Kershner, Gabby, Jones, Robinson

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#### NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Plater, Bover, Brown, Reynolds, Stonestreet, Ford, Bennett, S. Stevens, Bayly, Long, Griffith, Lecompte, Callis, Delaplane, Donaldson, Kilgour, Hilleary—17.

So it was resolved in the affirmative, and the bill sent to the senate.

The amendments proposed by the senate to the bill entitled, an act authorising Edward Wilkins, late sheriff and collector of Kent county, to complete his collections, were read the second time, assented to and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Cottman delivers a petition from Obed Summers, an old soldier, praying relief; which was read and referred to the standing committee on soldier's petitions.

Mr. Maulsby from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Aquila Thompson, of Harford county, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that the county court and the court of chancery now have full power to relieve the petitioner; that legislative interference is unnecessary, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order,

JOHN STEVENS, JUNR. Clk.

Which was read the first and second time by special order and concurred in.

The bill from the senate entitled, an act concerning sentences of foreign courts, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Donaldson, the following order was read:

Ordered, That the committee of claims allow on the journal of accounts, to Upton Bruce, Benjamin Tomlinson and Thomas Greenwell, until the late question on the Allegany election was decided, the same per diem as they would have been entitled to receive in case they had been duly elected and had attended this house as delegates to the General Assembly of Maryland.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, the following preamble and resolution were read:

Whereas, it is highly probable the militia of this state will be called into actual service during the next summer, for the purpose of repelling the attacks of the enemy; should this be the case, considerable expense will necessarily be incurred, and although only a part of the loan authorised by the resolution of May session last, has yet been negotiated and appropriated, yet it is very possible that the balance will not be sufficient to meet the expenditure which the employment of the militia during the next year may occasion; Therefore to prevent the necessity of an extra session of the Legislature, which the occurrence of such an event would render indispensably necessary