

The bill entitled, an act for the benefit of the children of Arthur Hughes, late of Dorchester county, was read the second time and will pass.

The clerk of the council delivers the following communication from the executive :

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 their 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 own 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 force, 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.

The honorable the president of the senate, and the honorable the speaker of the house of delegates.

Which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

Mr. Brown from the committee delivers a bill entitled, an act to open and lay out two roads in Queen Ann's county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The senate adjourns until Monday morning nine o'clock.

MONDAY, December 27, 1813.

Present the same members as on Thursday, except Mr. Davis (President.)—Messrs. Brown, Hebb, Holbrook, L. Hollingsworth, W. Hollingsworth, Tabbs, J. Williams and N. Williams.

Mr. Lloyd appeared in the senate.

The members present adjourn until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, December 28, 1813.

Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Frazier.

Mr. J. Williams appeared in the senate.

The members present adjourn until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY December 29, 1813.

Present the same members as on yesterday. Messrs. Davis (President,) L. Hollingsworth and N. Williams appeared in the senate. The proceedings from Thursday inclusive were read.

The bill entitled, an act for the benefit of the children of Arthur Hughes, late of Dorchester county; and the bill entitled, an act to authorise and empower the levy court of Anne-Arundel county to assess and levy a sum of money for the support and maintenance of John Carman his wife and their three children, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill entitled, an act for the relief of Wm. Downey of Frederick county, was read the second time, passed and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill entitled, an act to confirm and make valid certain proceedings of the levy court of Prince George's county, was read the second time, passed with the proposed amendment, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

*Amendment proposed.*

Strike out the preamble.

The resolution directing an index to be made to the acts and resolutions of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed since 1799 &c. was read the second time, assented to with an amendment and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

Mr. N. Williams presented a petition from David Williamson of the city of Baltimore, praying a law to confirm his title to a certain tract of land therein mentioned; which was read and referred to Messrs. N. Williams, L. Hollingsworth and Fenwick to consider and report thereon.

Mr. N. Williams from the committee delivers a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of David Williamson; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill entitled, an act for the relief of Dennis Kennedy of Frederick county; the bill entitled, an act to open and extend Queen street in the city of Baltimore; and the bill entitled, an act to incorporate the Bible Society of Baltimore, were severally read the second time, passed and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

On motion of Mr. N. Williams leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act relating to femes covert. Ordered, That Messrs. N. Williams, Hawkins and L. Hollingsworth be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. N. Williams from the committee delivers a bill entitled, an act relating to femes covert; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of James Spillman of the city of Baltimore; a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Walter Simpson, and Walter Simpson Junr. of the city of Baltimore, severally passed by that house Dec. 23, 1813; a 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, passed by that house Dec. 29, 1813; which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. Also returns the bill entitled,