

for improving Jones's Falls. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Kell, Barney, Stansbury, Randall and Warner.

Also, a memorial from the inspectors of the penitentiary praying an appropriation of money for the benefit of that institution. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Kell, Wilson, Ford, John Thomas and Emory.

And a petition from Letitia MacCreery and others, praying that a law may pass, confirming the last will of William MacCreery, late of Baltimore county. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Kell, Barney, Warner, Duvall and Harryman.

Mr. Blackstone delivers a petition from Jesse Powers, of Saint Mary's county, an old soldier, praying relief. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Millard, Blackstone and Causin.

Mr. McMahon from the committee delivers the following report :

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Michael Kershner, of Allegany county, report, that they have had the same under consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true; they therefore submit the following resolution :

*Resolved,* That the treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby directed to pay unto Michael Kershner, late a private in the revolutionary war, or to his order, annually in semi annual payments, a sum equal to the half pay of a private for life, as a further remuneration to him for those services by which his country has been so essentially benefitted.

By order,

JAMES C. BLAIR, Clk.

Also, the following report :

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Nathaniel B. Magruder of Alleghany county, report, that they have had the same under consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true—They therefore submit the following resolution :

*Resolved,* That the treasurer of the Western Shore be and he is hereby directed to pay unto Nathaniel B. Magruder, late a lieutenant in the revolutionary war, or to his order, annually, in half yearly payments, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a lieutenant, as a further remuneration to him for those services by which his country has been so essentially benefitted.

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Which were severally read.

Mr. Bradford delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county praying the alteration of a road passing through the lands of the Reverend John Allen. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Bradford, Forwood of Wm. and Forwood of Jacob.

Mr. Riggs delivers a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Henry Howard, (of John) of Montgomery county. Which was read.

Mr. Long delivers a bill, entitled, an act annulling the marriage of Thomas Robertson, and Kitturah Robertson his wife. Which was read the first and second time by special order, passed and sent to the senate.

The bill, entitled, an act to annul the marriage of Daniel McFadon, and Faithful McFadon his wife, was read the second time, and the question put, shall the said bill pass? Determined in the negative.

Mr. John H. Thomas delivers a petition from the elders of the Moravian Society of Graceham, in Frederick county, praying that they may be authorised and empowered to hold certain real property; and also praying a donation from the state for a school established at Graceham. Which was read and referred to Messrs. J. H. Thomas, J. Thomas and Taney.

Mr. J. H. Thomas delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, counter to the petition for opening and amending the road from Frederick town to Emmitsburgh. Which was read and referred to the committee on the petition to which it is counter.

Mr. Emory delivers a bill, entitled, an act to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the appointment of governor of the state, and to abolish such parts as relate to the appointment of an executive council. Which was read.

On motion by Mr Long, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, a supplement to an act to prevent the inconvenience arising from slaves being permitted to act as free. Ordered, That Messrs. Long, J. H. Thomas and Bayly, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Driver from the committee, delivers the following report :

The committee to whom was referred the petition of John Lucas of Caroline county, praying the condemnation of a certain mill seat, in said county, are of opinion that so far as the private interest of said John Lucas is concerned, not a shadow of just claim exists to authorise the grant of the petition; and considering the number of mills not only in other parts of the state, but in Caroline county, they cannot believe that the public convenience requires so unusual an interference with the right of private property, so particularly secured and guaranteed by the laws and constitution of this state, and the inviolability of which forms so essential a feature in every wise and well regulated government.

The committee in making the report which they feel it their duty to do, regret very much the great loss which John Lucas will sustain in the diminished value of his property, especially as he has uniformly manifested an anxious wish to prevent the necessity of recurring to legislative aid by contracting on terms advantageous to the claimant of the reversionary interest. They recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order,

WM. K. LAMB DIN, Clk.

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

Mr. Stonestreet delivers a petition from Charles Garner, of Charles county, stating that he received a wound whilst serving in the militia, which has disabled him and praying relief. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Stonestreet, Ford and Jenkins.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill, entitled, an act to lay out and open a road from Jacob