

information of the movements of the enemy in the waters of the Chesapeake, but more particularly to the owners of vessels, a useful, enterprising and valuable class of the community. And whereas, it becomes our duty as the representatives of the people of this state, and the faithful guardians of their rights and interest to guard as far as may be practicable against such loss and vexation in future. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the executive of this state be, and they are hereby authorised and directed to have forthwith built, manned and equipped, two fast sailing boats on the most approved models, to go with sails and oars, whose crews shall not exceed twenty men each, and be armed in such manner as the executive may direct; and such boats shall be built or purchased, equipped and manned at the expense of this state, one to be employed on the Western Shore, and the other on the Eastern Shore, the one located on the Eastern Shore to rendezvous at the port of Oxford, and the other designed for the Western Shore to rendezvous at the port of Annapolis; and it shall be their duty to ply up and down the bay to procure and disseminate the earliest information of the movements, force and situation of the enemy, and to act if necessary as convoy to such bay craft as it may be in their power to protect without interfering with their ordinary duties; and the executive are hereby authorised and directed to procure two intelligent, enterprising men to command said boats, whose wages shall not exceed forty dollars each per month and two rations, each of whom shall have a mate, whose pay shall not exceed twenty dollars each per month, and two rations; and each seaman, or sailor to have a monthly pay not exceeding twelve dollars. And for the purpose of carrying into effect the foregoing resolution, the treasurer of the Western Shore is hereby authorised and directed to pay unto the executive or their order any sum not exceeding dollars, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

On motion by *Mr Neale*, the following preamble and resolution were read:

Whereas the laws passed at December session eighteen hundred and thirteen, as well as the votes and proceedings of that session, that were intended for Saint Mary's and Charles counties, were destroyed by the enemy while at Upper Marlborough in Prince George's county. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the governor and council be, and they are hereby authorised and requested to have so many of the laws, votes and proceedings of that session printed, and forward the same to the clerks of the county courts of said counties, as the said counties and the officers thereof were entitled to receive. And that the expense thereof be paid out of the treasury of the Western Shore, by a draught drawn on the treasurer by them for that purpose.

*Mr. Millard* presented petitions from *William M'Gee*, and *Charles M'Gee*, of Saint Mary's county, revolutionary soldiers, praying relief, which were severally read and referred to Messrs. *Millard*, *Blackistone* and *Causin*.

*Mr. Jenkins* presented petitions from *Charles G'ner*, and *John F. Gray*, of Charles county, praying payment of expenses incurred in consequence of wounds received by them while on militia duty; which were severally read and referred to Messrs. *Jenkins*, *Ford* and *Stonestreet*.

According to the order of the day, the house proceeded to the consideration of the bill entitled, an act to establish a bank and incorporate a company under the name of the *Centreville Bank* of Maryland; and on motion by *Mr. Crabb* the question was put, that the further consideration thereof be referred to the first day of April next? *Resolved* in the affirmative.

The amendments proposed by the senate to the bill entitled, an act to establish a bank and incorporate a company under the name of the *Havre-de-Grace bank*, were read the second time, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

*Mr. Duvall* from the committee delivers a bill entitled, an act for the relief of *Elizabeth Bryan*, and her infant Children, of *Anne Arundel county*. Which was read the first and second time by special order, passed and sent to the senate.

*Mr. Kell* from the committee delivers a bill entitled, an act for levying an additional tax on property within the city and precincts of *Baltimore* for the defence thereof. Which was read the first time.

The bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act to incorporate a company to open the navigation of *Zachia run*. Was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by *Mr. Bayly*, the following order was read and adopted:

*Ordered*, That the committee of claims close the journal of accounts up to Sunday next, inclusive

*Mr. Turner* presented a petition from *Parker Bowen*, of *Calvert county*, praying a law may pass, authorising him as administrator of *Benjamin Y. Bowen*, deceased, who was collector of the said county, for the years eighteen hundred and thirteen and eighteen hundred and fourteen, to complete the collections of the said deceased. Which was read and referred to Messrs. *Turner*, *Blake* and *Reynolds*.

The bill entitled, an act for the relief of *Sarah Carman*, of *Anne Arundel county*, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

The bill entitled, an act relating to apprentices, was read the second time and passed.

*Mr. John Hanson Thomas* from the committee, delivers a bill entitled, an additional supplement to the act entitled, an act for establishing a company for opening and extending the navigation of the river *Potomac*. Which was read the first and second time by special order, passed and sent to the senate.

The report on the petition of *John Williams*, of *Saint Mary's county*, was read the second time, concurred in, and the resolution therein contained assented to and sent to the senate.

The report on the petition of *Josias Alvey*, of *Saint Mary's county*, was read the second time, concurred in, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

*Mr. Jenkins* from the committee delivers the following reports:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of *Charles Garner*, of *Charles county*, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true, they