

measures may be adopted in relation thereto, as may be deemed requisite to insure the individual rights of the citizens.

By order, UPTON S. REID, Clk.

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Also returns the bill entitled, an act authorising a sale of the real property of which Gabriel G. Van Horn died possessed, with the following message

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 25, 1815.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

We have returned you the bill entitled, an act authorising a sale of the real property of which Gabriel G. Van Horn died possessed, and hope that upon reconsideration you will pass the same.

By order, UPTON S. REID, Clk.

Which was read.

The bill entitled, an act to provide for the better defence of the state, and to prevent the necessity of frequent calls of the militia, was read the second time, and will pass with the proposed amendments.

*Amendments proposed.*

- 1st. Strike out from the word "guardian" in the twelfth line of the first page to the word "each" in the fourteenth line of the same page and insert "if he has any such."
- 2d. Strike out the word "light" in the last line but one of the first page.
- 3d. Strike out from the word "purposes" in the seventeenth line of the second page to the end of the clause.
- 4th. Strike out the words "and inspector and one brigade quarter master" in the eighth line of the third page.
- 5th. Strike out from the word "lieutenant" in the first line of the fourth page to the end of the clause.
- 6th. Strike out from the word "the" in the first line of the third enacting clause to the word "pay-masters" in the last line of the fourth page.
- 7th. Strike out the fourth enacting clause.
- 8th. Strike out the seventh enacting clause.
- 9th. Strike out the eighth enacting clause.
- 10th. Strike out the tenth enacting clause.
- 11th. At the end of the thirteenth enacting clause add "Provided, that should the government of the United States pay to such widow or children any pension, such widow or children shall not be entitled to receive the pension or allowance in this section contained."
- 12th. At the end of the sixteenth enacting clause add "Provided, that no officer or officers shall be deemed necessary until men shall be enlisted sufficient for the command of such officer or officers, except so many as the said commander in chief shall deem necessary for the recruiting service."
- 13th. Strike out the seventeenth enacting clause.
- 14th. Strike out the word "command" in the sixth line of the fourteenth page and insert "authority."
- 15th. At the end of the bill add "And be it enacted, that if the government of the United States do not accept and provide for the whole of the force hereby proposed to be raised, but will agree to accept and provide for a smaller force, in that case there shall be raised such force as said government will accept and provide for, and instead of the officers herein intended to be appointed, only such and so many shall be appointed as the governor and council shall deem suitable to such force."
- 16th. And be it enacted, That when and as often as any person or persons shall be enlisted under the provisions of this act, the commander in chief of this state be, and he is hereby authorised and required to cause them to be sent to Baltimore and placed under the proper officers for the purposes of being drilled and taught military discipline and becoming qualified to discharge the duties required of them by this act.

The resolutions relative to the payment of a certain sum of money to Levin Winder, Esquire, as commander in chief, were read the second time by special order and assented to.

The bill annulling the marriage of John Meeds and Elizabeth Meeds, of Queen Ann's county, was read the second time and will pass.

Mr. Brown from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom were referred the resolutions in favor of sundry officers and soldiers of the revolutionary war, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion, that the numerous demands upon the treasury of this state at this period, when extraordinary expenditures are authorised and required, render it improvident and inexpedient to increase now the pension list. The committee cherish the hope that at some future session the finances of the state will enable it to reward the meritorious services of the petitioners by liberal grants in their favor. They therefore recommend that all the resolutions on this subject be at this time rejected.

By order,

H. S. HARWOOD, Com. Clk.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The house adjourns until 5 o'clock, P. M.

POST MERIDIEM 5 o'clock.

The senate met.

The bill entitled, an act to provide for the better defence of the state and to prevent the necessity of frequent calls of the militia, and the bill entitled, an act annulling the marriage of John Meeds and Elizabeth Meeds, of Queen Ann's county, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

Mr. Thomas Johnson appeared in the senate, qualified and took his seat.