

C. Earle, Esquire, was appointed to supply that vacancy.

It has not been found necessary in the course of the last year to negotiate any loan of money for the use of the state. Some correspondence has taken place between this department and the government of the United States, respecting the pay of the militia called into service in the course of the year eighteen hundred and fourteen, and the payment of a considerable part of these claims has been assumed by the general government. It is believed that the claims of the militia not assumed by the United States have nearly all of them been exhibited and satisfied.

The fortunate termination of the war in which we had been involved, relieved us from the execution of the duties imposed by the act of the last session, to provide for the better defence of the state, and to prevent the necessity of frequent calls of the militia, and rendered unnecessary any further expenditures of public money in the purchase of arms, camp equipage, and so forth, for the use of the militia. It will rest with the wisdom of the Legislature to provide for the safe keeping of those now distributed among the militia.

A bill for the amendment of our militia system has been published as directed by the general assembly. Although a revision and alteration of our militia laws is not a matter of so much importance as it was at the last session, yet it is at all times of moment that the militia should be well disciplined and prepared to repel any invasion of our territory. In order to maintain peace and preserve its character a nation should ever be prepared for war; and although it be the especial duty of the United States government to provide for the common defence, yet as in any emergency recourse will be had to the militia, it ought to be the care of the state government to make them an efficient force.

There does not occur at this time any other matter, which it is necessary to be communicated by this department to the Legislature.

We have the honor to be, with great respect,

Your obedient servants,

LEVIN WINDER.

The honorable, the legislature of Maryland.

Which were severally read.

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

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Aaron Jones, beg leave to 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 Aaron Jones of Dorchester county, late a private in the revolutionary war, or to his order, annually in quarterly payments during life, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a private, as a further remuneration to him for those services by which his country has been so essentially benefited.

By order,

W. K. LAMB DIN, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Howard delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying for a lottery to raise a sum of money for repairing a road from the intersection near Charles Franklin's tavern, to Paul Hawk's church. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Howard, Johnson and Thomas.

Mr. Meconniken delivers a petition from Peregrine Peatons of Queen Ann's county, Guardian to the heirs of Lewis Peatons, praying relief relative to a certain road running through the lands of said heirs, Which was read and referred to Messrs. Meconniken, Harrison and Stevens.

The report in favor of Nathaniel B. Magruder, was read the second time, the resolution therein contained assented to and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Kilgour, the following order was read and ordered to lie on the table:

*Ordered*, That so much of the communication of the executive of the 8th of December 1815, as relates to the propositions by several states for amendments to the constitution of the United States be referred to

to consider and report thereon.

That so much of said communication as relates to a letter of the secretary of the treasury of the United States, requesting the passage of a law by the legislature of this state, authorising the erection of toll gates on the Western road leading across the mountains, be referred to Messrs.

to consider and report thereon.

That so much of the said communication as relates to a provision for the safe keeping of the arms, camp equipage, and so forth, now distributed among the militia, be referred to Messrs.

to consider and report thereon.

That so much of the said communication as relates to the revision and alteration of our militia laws, be referred to Messrs.

to consider and report thereon.

On motion by Mr. Styll, Leave given to bring in a bill entitled, a supplement to an act authorising the orphan's courts to take sheriffs' bonds. Ordered, that Messrs. Styll, Denny and Hughes, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Hughes delivers a bill entitled, an act for the relief of the devisees of Thomas M'Creery. Also a bill entitled, an act to authorize the sale of a part of the real estate of Benjamin Ricard. Which were severally read.

Mr. Bradford delivers a bill entitled, an act to give validity and operation to the deed of conveyance therein mentioned. Which was read.

Also a petition from Jacob G. M'Carty of Harford county, praying that the will of Samuel M'Carty may be confirmed. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Bradford, Hall and Sewell.

On motion by Mr. Kilgour, Leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act relating to cases removed from one county to another. Ordered, that Messrs. Kilgour, Van Horn and Causin, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. Duvall, Leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act to regulate the mode of measuring corn in the ear. Ordered that Messrs. Duvall, Styll and Davidson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. W. Stuart delivers a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of the heirs of George Lytle, late of Harford county, deceased, as amended. Mr. Lloyd a bill entitled, an act annulling the marriage of John