

have had the same under consideration and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable and just, they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby authorised and directed to pay unto John Sprigg Belt, late a captain in the Maryland line during the revolutionary war, or to his order, a sum of money annually in quarterly payments equal to the half pay of a captain during his life, as a further remuneration for his services during that war, and in lieu of the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars allowed him by a resolution passed November session 1811.

By order,

RINALDO PINDELL, Clk.

Which was read.

The bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Thomas W. Griffith, late collector of Baltimore county, and the bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Robert Gorsuch, late collector of Baltimore county, were severally read the second time and passed.

Mr. Gray delivers a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Parker Bowen of Calvert county. Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Kemp, Leave given to bring in a bill entitled, a further supplement to the act entitled, an act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state. Ordered, that Messrs. Kemp, Pitt and Bayly, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. Stonestreet. Leave given to bring in a bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act authorising Zephaniah Waters of Charles county, to raise by lottery a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned. Ordered, that Messrs. Stonestreet, Stoddert and Taney, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The resolution relative to the governor of this state, causing a copy of the act passed at the present session, entitled, an act repealing the fourth section of an act entitled, an act to incorporate a company to make an artificial road therein mentioned, to be forwarded to the governor of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, was read the second time and assented to.

The amendment proposed by the senate to the bill entitled, an act to authorise and empower the heirs and devisees of Edward Norwood and Samuel Norwood, late of Baltimore county, deceased, to erect a toll bridge over the river Patapsco; and the bill entitled, an act to incorporate the Commercial insurance company, were severally read the second time, assented to and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The report on the petition of Levi Stevens, was read the second time, concurred in and the resolution therein contained assented to.

Mr. Duvall from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the the petition of William Ross, late an armorer, have had the subject matter under their consideration and find so far as they have made examination there is reason and plausibility in the prayer of the petitioner; but as the papers are voluminous, they are of opinion that the subject is best fitted for the inspection and examination of the executive, and therefore submit the following order:

*Ordered*, That the petition of William Ross and the accompanying documents be referred to the governor and council for their re-consideration and decision.

By order,

JOHN N. WATKINS, Clk.

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

The bill entitled, an act to lay out and open a road from George Shafer's to the new cut road leading from Frederick town to Hughe's cowing ground; and the bill entitled, an act to lay out and open a road in Frederick county, were severally read the second time and passed.

The resolution in favor of Richard Waters, was read the second time and assented to.

The bill entitled, an act authorising Robert Welch, of Benjamin, collector of Anne Arundel county, to complete his collections, was read the second time and passed.

The bill entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, an act to lay out and make public a road in Baltimore county, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Van Horn delivers a petition from George Calvert of Prince George's county, praying that a deed executed by Charles John Stier, residing in the city of Ghent to his wife, for certain lands in Prince George's county, may be made valid. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Van Horn, Stonestreet and Beall.

The bill entitled, an act to give validity and operation to the deed of conveyance therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill entitled, an act for the relief of Samuel McClellan of the city of Baltimore, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The bill entitled, an act to authorise the sale of the real estate therein mentioned; and the bill for the benefit of the heirs of Benjamin Deford, late of Anne Arundel county, deceased, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, assented to and the bills ordered to be engrossed. The bill to incorporate the president and managers of the Calverton turnpike road, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read; and a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Sarah Clarkson of Kent county, passed by the senate January 11, 1816. Which was read; and the following message:

BY THE SENATE, January 11, 1816.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message proposing to close the present session of assembly on the 20th inst. We are also of opinion that the business may be finished by that time, and concur with you to adjourn on that day.

By order,

THOMAS ROGERS, Clk.

Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, Leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act to authorise Thomas James Paterson, late sheriff and collector of Dorchester county, to complete his collections. Ordered, that Messrs. Lecompte, Hart and Pitt, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Van Horn delivers a bill entitled, an act to make valid a deed therein mentioned. Which was