

can only be accounted for by the loose and negligent manner in which the legislature have heretofore attended to this subject. I cannot be supposed that fortune has been so cruel to this class of people, as to have left nearly all of them in a state of indigence; and yet the great number on the pension list can only be justified by such a supposition. The Committee however have very good reasons for believing that there are many on the list, who so far from needing the bounty of the government are in a state of affluence. To these all must agree that the state should close the door of her treasury. They have also reason to believe that many on the pension list of the state are also on that of the United States; receiving for the same service, a reward from both governments. Your committee think that the state should never give a pension to claimants in that situation. The granting pensions at all in a government like ours, should be avoided as much as possible, and never thoughtlessly indulged in; nothing can justify it but the actual need of the applicants, and that can never be the case with those who are supported by the government of the union.

Your committee are therefore of opinion that the senate before they grant a petition, should not only be satisfied that the applicant was a soldier in the revolution, but that it should also be made appear to them that he is in actual need, and that he is not on the pension list of the United States. In regard to the claims of the widows, your committee have determined on applying to them the same rules that they have recommended to be applied to the claims of the husbands, that is that the senate should be satisfied of the actual need of the applicants, and that they be not on the pension list of the United States. They have also determined on rejecting the applications of widows who married subsequent to the revolution; your committee cannot see that the widows in this situation are entitled to the bounty of the state. They shared not with their husbands the trials and dangers of the revolution, and would appear therefore to be no better entitled to the favor of the government, than any other persons in the state.

Your committee would therefore recommend, that all such applications be rejected by the senate. Should the senate concur in these views there will be little to be apprehended from the pension system while the state will preserve the high character for justice and liberality which she has ever maintained. Your committee will report specially on each of the resolutions submitted to them.

Which was read. By order, THOS. W. LOOCKEMAN, Com. Clk.

Mr Johnson from the same committee then reported unfavorably on the resolution in favor of John Williams; the resolution in favor of Gilbert Middleton, and the resolution in favor of Mark Goldsborough, and they were severally read a third time and rejected.

The senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1822.

The Senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill to authorise the Orphan's Court of Montgomery county, to appoint a trustee to convey the lands of the heirs of John A. Brown to Joseph Neale. The bill to relinquish the right of the state to certain lands therein mentioned. The bill to impose and collect a tax upon the estates of deceased persons. The bill for the relief of Joseph E. Bentley and Joseph Delaplaine, of Montgomery county. The further supplement to an act to regulate the Inspection of tobacco. The further supplement to the act regulating the inspection of tobacco; the resolution in favor of John Williams; the resolution in favor of Gilbert Middleton; the resolution in favor of Mark Goldsborough; the bill to authorise a Lottery for the Union church of Taney town in Frederick county; the bill for the benefit of the stockholders of the Susquehannah bridge; the bill to authorise the president and managers of the Boonsborough turnpike road company to raise by lottery a sum of money and for other purposes; the bill for the benefit of the first independent church of Baltimore; the bill to authorise a lottery for the purpose of raising a sum of money to pave the streets of Belle Air, in Harford county; the bill authorising a lottery for the benefit of the Rockville and Barns town Roman Catholic congregation in Montgomery county; the further supplement to the act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money to build a church in Charles county, passed at November Session, 1807; the bill to authorise a lottery to raise a sum of money for the payment of the debts incurred in finishing the Church and School house in the village of Boonsborough Washington county; the bill to authorise the congregation of the German reformed church in Middle town in Frederick county, to raise a sum of money by lottery to defray the expense in part for building their Church in said town; the bill to authorise a lottery or lotteries to raise a sum of money for the purpose of cutting and opening a canal from the head of Black water river into the head of Parson's creek in Dorchester county, and for paying the expenses of a lottery for said canal, repealed in eighteen hundred & sixteen; the further additional supplement to the act to authorise Richard Filghman and others, to raise a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety eight, chap. sixty nine; the bill to authorise the President and Managers of the Westminster, Taney town and Emmitsburg turnpike road company, to raise a sum of money by lottery for the purposes therein mentioned; the bill to authorise a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of building a church for the use of the Lutherans, and Presbyterians, in the neighborhood of Allquiers in Baltimore county; the bill authorising a lottery to build a Presbyterian church in Elkton, Cecil county; the bill to authorise a lottery for the benefit of the Saint Lucas reformed church at Union Town in Frederick county, and the bill for the benefit of Washington Lodge, No 3, in the City of Baltimore, were sent to the house of delegates.

The resolutions relative to the Wing dam at the head of the Susquehannah canal, were read a third time and assented to.

On motion of Mr Dickinson, Leave was given to bring in a bill entitled, An act for the relief of Robert H Goldsborough & Edward N Hambleton, as securities of Allen Bowie, late sheriff of Talbot