

lature ought, from the great age, infirmities and blindness of the petitioner, to grant him some small relief; they therefore submit to the adoption of the house the following resolution, viz.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay, and he is hereby authorized and required to pay, unto John Rogers, of the city of Baltimore, late a mariner in the service of this state, or order, the sum of forty dollars annually, during the term of the natural life of the said John Rogers.

By order,

R. K. WATTS, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and the question put, That the house assent to the resolution therein contained? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Warfield, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Waldeck, Jacob Walter and Christopher Heckman, of Frederick county, praying that an act may pass confirming their rights to property purchased before they became naturalized, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and finding the facts therein stated to be true, are of opinion that a law ought to pass according to the prayer of the said petitioners.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Benjamin Ray, junior, late sheriff and collector of Montgomery county, praying further time to complete his collections, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. R. Magruder, Mr. Riley and Mr. Summers, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Hardage Lane, of Montgomery county, praying he may be authorized to remove his slaves from his farm in Virginia into this state without being obliged to register them, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Summers, Mr. R. Magruder, Mr. Hollingworth, Mr. Calvert and Mr. Swearingen, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of Catharine Lenham was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That the committee appointed on the said petition prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill to establish and regulate a select militia? Resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That Mr. Barroll, Mr. Benson, Mr. Key, Mr. E. K. Wilson, Mr. Purnell, Mr. Hollingworth and Mr. Nicholson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Filghman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom were referred the petition of Susanna Dwyer, and the counter petition of Mary Dwyer, both of Kent county, report, that they have attentively considered the same, and are of opinion that the general assembly cannot with propriety interfere in the controversy between the parties concerned.

By order,

R. K. WATTS, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, December 6, 1798.

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

The sheriff of Baltimore county, in obedience to the order of the house, appeared at the bar. ORDERED, That he amend his return; which was accordingly done.

Mr. Hall, from the committee of elections and privileges, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee of elections and privileges further report, that they have received a corrected return from Cornelius H. Gist, sheriff of Baltimore county, whereby it appears that Alexis Lemmon is duly elected a delegate for Baltimore county in the room of Elijah Merryman, resigned.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

Mr. Alexis Lemmon, a delegate returned for Baltimore county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Key, Mr. Jones and Mr. Ridgely, be a committee to tax the costs which have accrued by reason of the irregular return of the sheriff of Baltimore county, and report the same to the house.

Mr. Ridgely, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee appointed to examine into and tax the costs arising on the informal return of the sheriff of Baltimore county, report, that an express was sent to Baltimore for the said sheriff to appear at the bar of this house, and that fees arise due to the clerk of this house, and the serjeant at arms, and tax the same as follow, to wit:

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To the clerk of the house of delegates, for issuing order and summons,		3	
To serjeant at arms, for serving the same,		3	
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By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk. Which