

Mr. Mercer, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following resolution :

Whereas it hath been represented to this present general assembly, that Francis Ware, (who heretofore commanded the troops of this state, then the colony of Maryland, with distinguished bravery and fidelity, and who, during the late revolutionary war, was lieutenant-colonel of the first regiment raised by this state, from which service he was compelled to retire by the infirmities peculiarly incident to a military life in these climates,) has, by reason of his said infirm health, and misfortunes arising from those acts of benevolence which the duties of society often render indispensable, and not by imprudence or want of due economy, become reduced to extreme indigence in his advanced age ; and it being unworthy, (both in example and principle,) of the citizens of a free republic, to desert, in their distress, those of their fellow-citizens who have rendered important services in distinguished stations, whilst high honours and great rewards attend public services in other forms of government ; RESOLVED unanimously, That there be granted to the said Francis Ware half pay as lieutenant-colonel, (rated according to the establishment when he retired from service,) from the date of this resolution, and during the remainder of his life ; and that the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the same to the said Francis Ware in quarterly payments.

Which was read.

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

A petition from Andrew Price, of Talbot county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the consideration of the senate.

A petition from Henry Casey, an alien, praying a confirmation of his title to certain property, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Smith, of Baltimore, Mr. Worthington and Mr. Lloyd, to consider and report thereon.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorized to employ some person or persons to stop the leak in the roof of the stadthouse, and to paint the external part, the expences attending the same to be paid out of the five hundred pounds subject to the appropriation of the governor and council.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Mercer, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report :

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the securities of Dennis Griffith, submit the following report : That the map executed by the said Griffith is a work of great public utility ; that such seldom are or can be executed but under the liberal patronage of those governments for whose benefit they are intended ; that there is reason to believe, (as the securities allege,) that the author sunk a very considerable sum of money, exclusive of his time expended on this work, and that had he applied to the legislature in the first instance for a donation to assist him, instead of a loan, and could have secured the faithful execution of the work, it would not have been refused ; that the loss sustained by the said Griffith, and his ultimate ruin, induced the legislature, (without the assent of the said securities,) first to grant him indulgence in the payment, and finally to liberate him from this, and other debts, by an act of insolvency ; that without questioning the right of the legislature to interpose with such acts, where the public are not parties, but are wholly disinterested, yet in cases where the state itself is a party, different principles certainly apply, as none can be judge in their own case ; considering therefore the great utility of the work, and its strong claim to public patronage, and the interference of the legislature without the assent of the securities, they submit the following resolution :

RESOLVED, That the securities of Dennis Griffith be and they are hereby released from their said securityship entered into to this state on behalf of the said Griffith, and that the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to deliver up their bonds for the same, on payment of all costs that may be or have been incurred in prosecuting the suit or suits against them.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The bill to prevent swine from going at large in the town of Queen-Anne, in Prince-George's county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill for the relief of William McMahane, and others, securities of Robert Sinclair, late sheriff of Allegany county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from Edmund Stanbury, of Baltimore county, praying the treasurer of the western shore may be authorized to repay to him the sum of £. 60 18 9, paid into the treasury under certain acts of assembly, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Worthington, Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Stanbury, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Orrell, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act relating to the allowance of the justices of the orphans courts, justices of the levy courts, and commissioners of the tax, in the several counties of this state ; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from James Little, of Harford county, praying a return of money for deficiency of land purchased of the state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Hyland, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Bond, to consider and report thereon.