

clusion, that he acted the part of a brave and faithful officer, and that while thus engaged in his country's cause, he was dangerously wounded, and remains to this day injured and disabled.

Your committee are therefore decidedly of opinion, that said Fickle justly merits the reward he claims, and that having spent the best part of his life in defence of his country, now that he is old and destitute that country cannot do less than render to his pretensions that consideration they merit.

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed and required to pay unto Benjamin Fickle, of the state of Ohio, late a lieutenant in the revolutionary war, a sum of money equal to half pay as lieutenant, annually, in quarterly payments, during his life, as a further reward to those meritorious services which he rendered his country in establishing her liberty and independence.

By order,

G. HOWARD, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Caroline county, stating, that the present mode of supporting the poor of said county is expensive, and does not render their situation as easy and as comfortable as was expected, and praying that the subject may be taken into consideration, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Potter, Mr. Holbrook and Mr. Tillotson, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled, An act to lay out and open a road through Tuckahoe neck, in Caroline county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill, entitled, An act to continue an act, entitled, An act relative to the administration of justice in this state, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, December 7, 1804: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

T. W. HALL, clk.

"By the senate, December 14, 1804: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

T. W. HALL, clk."

Also the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for erecting buildings for the use of the poor of Queen-Anne's county, and for other purposes, endorsed; "By the senate, December 13, 1804: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

T. W. HALL, clk.

"By the senate, December 14, 1804: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

T. W. HALL, clk."

Ordered that the said bills be engrossed.

Also the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to establish and regulate a market at Bridgetown, in Kent county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, November 27, 1804: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

T. W. HALL, clk.

"By the senate, December 14, 1804: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

T. W. HALL, clk."

Which amendments were read.

The bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Miller, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of James Sim, of Cæcil county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Contee, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act annulling the marriage of Joseph Boyd, of Prince-George's county, and Elizabeth his wife; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill authorising a lottery to open a road from Liberty-town, in Frederick county, through New-Market to Hyatt's-town, in Montgomery county. ORDERED, That Mr. Linthicum, Mr. Waters and Mr. Hawkins, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A memorial from John Gassaway, register of wills for Anne-Arundel county, stating, that several of the record books in the late prerogative office are so defaced as to be scarcely legible, and are in so ruinous a situation that they cannot be much longer preserved, and praying that some mode of preserving them may be adopted, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Muir, Mr. Mercer and Mr. Shaaff, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Allegany county, stating, that vast quantities of land in said county have been taken up, and that they have never been compounded on, and that they now lie as vacant land; that according to the regulation of the land-office these surveys cannot be taken in part, nor can they be affected unless every one is taken which is included in the original certificate, and praying that these surveys may be vacated and placed upon the footing of all other vacant lands, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Bruce, Mr. B. Tomlinson and Mr. J. Tomlinson, to consider and report thereon.

The resolutions respecting the compensation to be made William Pinkney for the recovery of the bank stock, were sent to the senate by the clerk.