

land affairs. was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Stephen, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Shaaff, to consider and report thereon.

The clerk of the senate delivers the additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to lay out and establish a road from the city of Annapolis to the city of Washington, and to repeal the act therein mentioned, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment." Also the bill for draining part of a branch of Tuckahoe, known by the name of Beaver Dam Branch, lying in Queen-Anne's county, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read. Also the bill to ratify and confirm the marriage articles made between Ely Dorsey, of Ely, of Frederick county, and Araminta his wife, endorsed, "will not pass." And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, January 13, 1806.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

IMPRESSED with the opinion that all the business essential for the deliberation of the present session can be finally acted on by the eighteenth instant, we propose, with the concurrence of your house, to close the session on that day.

By order,

T. W. HALL, clk.

Which was read.

The following order being read, viz.

ORDERED, That the committee of claims deduct from the allowance of each member of the house of delegates the sum of — cents per diem, who does not answer to his name the remainder part of the session at the hours of calling the house, without a sufficient excuse, and that the clerk take an account of such absent members, and furnish the said committee with a list thereof at the close of the journal of accounts.

On motion, the question was put, That the further consideration of the same be referred to the next general assembly? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.								
Messrs	Plater,	Somervell,	Cottman,	Cox,	Gleaves,	Kuhn,	Stephen,	
	Scott,	Lemmon,	Hyland,	Callis,	Sturgis,	Montgomery,	Bowles,	
	Merriken,	Jackson,	Frazier,	Blake,	Hawkins,	Ayres,	Yates,	
	Dorsey,	Bayly,	Smoot,	Sudler,	Cockey,	Turpin,	Carroll,	
				N E G A T I V E.				Selby,
				Denny,	Porter,	Holbrook,	Ellicott,	
Mes	Neale,	Parnham,	Ogden,	Ward,	Bishop,	Bayard,	Rizer.	
	B. Mackall,	M'Pherson,	Harryman,					

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to appoint commissioners for the regulation and improvement of Chester-town, in Kent county, and for other purposes. ORDERED, That Mr. Scott, Mr. Harrison and Mr. Gale, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

ORDERED, That Mr. Plater and Mr. Gleaves be added to the committee appointed on the petition of general Hopkins.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill compelling the proprietors of lots binding on the water at the west end of the bason in the city of Baltimore to extend and improve the same; on motion, the question was put, That the words "twelve months" be stricken out of the second clause of said bill? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the words "two years," be inserted in lieu of the words stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, the question was put, That the 4th section be stricken out of said bill? Resolved in the affirmative.

On progression, the question was put, That the 5th section be stricken out of said bill? Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

The following resolution was read the first and second time by especial order and assented to.

RESOLVED, That the auditor be and he is hereby authorised and required to examine, and report to the general assembly, what sum of money, if any, is due to William Amos, senior, of Harford county, on account of expences incurred by him in superintending the execution of a commission which issued in behalf of the state, at the instance of the late intendant, to settle the lines of a tract of land, lying in Harford county, called The Grove, whereby the state has been very materially benefitted.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of David Hopkins, a revolutionary officer, report, that they have taken the same under their consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true, and by letters from general Washington and his aids, and also by letters from generals Heath and Maylan, directed to your petitioner, the most honourable testimonials are given of the vigilant, active and gallant conduct of the petitioner, when a commander of a corps of horse, during the revolution, and his merits as an officer are most meritoriously established; and it also appears, by documents from physicians exhibited to the committee, that although this officer received no wounds during his dangerous services, yet he at this time labours under a complication of diseases brought upon him by military fatigues, hardships and severe marches, and by a contusion