

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Vachel Burgess, of Anne-Arundel county, report, that they, from the documents herewith exhibited, find, that the said petitioner entered into the service of his country early in the revolutionary war, that he was made an ensign in the 1st regiment of the Maryland line on April the 17th, 1777, and that he was sometime afterwards promoted to a lieutenancy, which commission he held until the 22d day of August, 1779. Your committee further report, that from the documents herewith exhibited, it appears that the said Vachel Burgess was appointed a captain in the extra regiment raised in the year 1780, and served in that capacity until the said regiment was deranged: That during all this service he deported himself in a manner highly honourable to himself and beneficial to his country, and well sustained the character of a true American patriot: That the said petitioner is now old and infirm, with a wife and nine children, who look to him for support, bending beneath a weight of years and infirmities, brought on him by hardships sustained by the labour and fatigue of several active campaigns while fighting the battles of his country, and with property too narrow to afford him and his helpless family the common comforts of life; your committee therefore recommend the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised and directed to pay to Vachel Burgess, of Anne-Arundel county, late a captain in the extra Maryland line during the revolutionary war, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a captain, during his life, as a further compensation for those invaluable services rendered his country while fighting for her liberties and securing her independence.

By order,

L. C. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

The bill to fix and establish Argyle alley, the bill to authorise and empower the levy court of Baltimore county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Herbert delivers the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Smith Brookes, of Prince-George's county, beg leave to report, that they have examined into the facts set forth in the said petition, and upon due consideration thereof are of opinion that the following resolution should be adopted.

RESOLVED, That the chancellor be and he is hereby authorised, on the petition of John Smith Brookes to him for that purpose, to hear and determine upon the validity of a certificate issued upon the seventeenth day of June, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, to George Wilson, late a soldier in the continental army, No. 5119, now the property of John Smith Brookes, and should he be of opinion that the said certificate is a valid one, and issued by the authority of the state, and the state bound to pay the same, that he decree the same to be paid at the treasury by crediting the bond of the said John Smith Brookes, now in the treasury, with the amount of principal and interest due thereon, and that the attorney-general of the state have notice of such petition, in writing, that he may appear and object thereto, should he deem it necessary, on the part of this state.

By order,

L. C. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

The bill authorising John Hunter, late sheriff and collector of Baltimore county, to complete his collection, was read the second time, and, on motion by Mr. Bland, the question was put, That the words "for the year one thousand eight hundred and eight," be inserted in the first clause after the word "county?" Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and the bill sent to the senate.

Mr. A. Dorsey delivers a bill, entitled, An act to alter and change a road in Anne-Arundel county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Worthington delivers a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the Baltimore Carpenters Humane Society; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the relief of John Cooper, the bill for the support of William Wheler, and the bill to change the names of Samuel, William and Jacob Cole, to Samuel, William and Jacob Caple, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill for the relief of Patrick Gil-laspy, of Caroline county, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. And the resolution in favour of William Johnson, endorsed, "assented to."

The bill to give validity and operation to the deed of conveyance therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed.

The bill to empower the trustee herein after named to sell certain lands of the late William O'Bryan, deceased, situate, lying and being in Queen-Anne's county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time, and, on motion by Mr. J. Brown, the same was recommitted for amendment.

Mr. J. E. Spencer delivers the said bill, as amended; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Archer delivers a bill, entitled, An act to repeal the fifth section of an act, entitled, An act for the confirming titles of land given to the use of the churches and several chapels within this province, empowering the commissioners of the respective counties, and vestries of the respective parishes, to take up certain parcels of