

liams, of Saint-Mary's county, as a corporal, and William Ahorn, of Frederick county, William Horney, of Talbot county, Henry Spalding, of Saint-Mary's county, Francis Johnson, of the city of Baltimore, William Dawson, Thomas Gadd and James Maxwell, of Cecil county, Jacob Allen, now of the state of Delaware, William Sewell, of Anne-Arundel county, and James Derrell, of Queen-Anne's county, as privates in the late revolutionary war, or to their orders respectively, in half yearly payments, a sum of money equal, annually, to the half pay to which they were respectively entitled for their services during the said war.

Your committee further report, that while they duly appreciate the character of Henry Gassaway, in grateful recognition of his valuable services as an officer in the late revolutionary war, and commiserate his situation, which gave rise to his petition, they cannot recommend him to the further justice or humanity of the legislature, until his suffering brother soldiers shall be placed on the half pay establishment, which he at present enjoys, and therefore are of opinion that he have leave to withdraw his petition.

Your committee also report, that Joseph Dawson, of Talbot county, already receives half pay, and that John Barrett, of Worcester county, Philip Creamer, of Cecil county, George Tollinger, of Hartford county, Jesse Bullock, of Saint-Mary's county, and John Lynch, of Kent county, have not produced such vouchers as, in the opinion of your committee, entitle them to the relief prayed for, and therefore that they have leave to withdraw their respective petitions.

All which is submitted.

By order,

H. G. S. KEY, clk.

Which was read, and ordered to have a second reading on Wednesday next.

Mr. Griffith delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Anthony Thompson; which was read.

The bill authorising a lottery for the preservation and distribution of the vaccine matter for the use of the citizens of this state, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. J. E. Spencer, the following order was read.

ORDERED, That the committee of claims allow each member of this house his per diem on Christmas day.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill for the valuation of the real and personal property of this state, and, on motion by Mr. Bland, the question was put, That the following clause be stricken out? "And be it enacted, That the commissioners, in estimating estates and interests in lands and town lots, shall observe the following rules, to wit: That all lands held and enjoyed immediately by tenants in fee-simple absolute, or fee-simple conditional or executory, fee tail, in dower, by the courtesy, for life or for years, without any valuable rent reserved, shall be wholly valued to such tenants." Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. W. Moffitt, the question was put, That the following clause be inserted after the 53d clause? to wit: "And be it enacted, That all the real and personal property in this state shall be estimated at its actual value in current money, except such property as is herein before excepted and exempted from assessment, any thing in this or any other law of this state contained to the contrary notwithstanding." The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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Mes	Harris	Belt	J S Moffitt	J E Spencer	Archer	Holbrook	Willis	Jump	11
	W Moffitt	Groome	Boyle						
N E G A T I V E.									
Messrs	Plater	Ireland	Randall	Lecompte	Perrie	J Thomas	Bland	Veatch	
	Hebb	Blake	Seth	Griffith	Sands	Baer	Bowies	Hilleary	
	Hall	Chapman	Bayly	Frazier	J Brown	Schley	Taub	Bayard	
	Angier	Harryman	Winder	Calvert	Hopper	Streett	S Thomas	Cresap	
	Grahame	M Brown	Lucas	Herbert	Wilson	Worthington	Wharton	Reid	

So it was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Chapman, that the following be added to the 45th clause, viz. "provided, that nothing in this act contained shall subject to sale any lands heretofore granted by the state of Maryland to the officers and soldiers, where the same remain in the possession of the original grantees or their heirs, under devise or by descent," the same was divided on motion by Mr. Bayard, and the question put, That the house agree to the same as far as the word "grantees" inclusive? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the house agree to the residue of the said amendment? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. J. Thomas, the question was put, That the blank for the commissioners of the tax for Frederick county be filled up with the words "James S. Hook, John Gebhart, John M-Caleb, James Johnson and Francis Brown Sappington?" Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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Messrs	Plater	Belt	Harryman	Lucas	Magruder	J E Spencer	Holbrook	Tabbs	
	Hebb	Williams	M Brown	Lecompte	Sands	Wilson	Willis	Gaither	
	Hopewell	Grahame	Randall	Griffith	Boyle	Baer	Jump	S Thomas	
	Hall	Ireland	P Spencer	Frazier	J Brown	Archer	Worthington	Wharton	
	Angier	Blake	Seth	Groome	Hopper	Streett	Bland	Veatch	
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