

form of government. ORDERED, That Mr. Randall, Mr. Physick, Mr. Bland, Mr. Willis and Mr. Harryman, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Mary Creigh, of Baltimore county, praying a divorce, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Harryman, Mr. C. Hall and Mr. Comegys.

A petition from Ezekiel Walker, of the city of Baltimore, praying a divorce, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Bland, Mr. Randall and Mr. Comegys.

On the second reading of the report of the committee appointed to report rules, the question was put, That the thirty-eighth rule be stricken out? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the house concur with the said report? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Bland, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act concerning partitions, joint rights and obligations. ORDERED, That Mr. Bland, Mr. Archer and Mr. Marriott, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. Herbert, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the appointment by the people of the justices of the levy courts in the several counties of this state? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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| Messrs | Neale | Warfield | Harryman | Frazier | Herbert | Burgess | Cockey | Martin | |
| | Gardiner | Reynolds | Randall | Stewart | Bowie | Handy | Archer | W Williams | |
| | C Hall | T Blake | Stevens | Mollitt | Mackubin | T Williams | Street | Owen | |
| | Comegys | Graham | Wainwright | Physick | Boyle | Quinton | Willis | Hilleary | |
| | Belt | Dorsey | Bayly | Groome | Miers | Schley | Jump | J Bayard | |
| | Marriott | Rogerson | Dennis | Cross | Emory | Swaringen | Bland | A Browne | 51 |
| | R Hall | M Pherson | Eccleston | | | | | | |
| N E G A T I V E. | | | | | | | | | |
| Messrs | Harris | Forwood | Bowles | T B Hall | | | | | |

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Boyle, the house proceeded to ballot for a committee of seven to prepare and bring in said bill; the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after sometime returned and reported, that Mr. Cross, Mr. Groome, Mr. Bowie, Mr. Physick, Mr. Harris, Mr. Schley and Mr. Herbert, were elected.

On motion by Mr. Forwood, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to withdraw the salaries from the militia officers, and to make some provision for the privates. ORDERED, That Mr. Forwood, Mr. Archer and Mr. Dorsey, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Bowles, from the committee of claims, delivers the following report:

BY THE COMMITTEE OF CLAIMS.

YOUR committee beg leave to report, that they have examined the accounts and proceedings of Benjamin Harwood, treasurer of the western shore, and find, by an account settled by the committee of claims to the first of November, 1809, there was a balance of 138,596 dollars 10 cents funded six per cent. stock, 495,356 dollars 61 cents deferred six per cent. stock, 263,472 dollars 26 cents funded three per cent. stock, £2099 7 10½ of the emissions of bills of credit made by an act of congress of the 18th of March, 1780, and the sum of £24920 14 0 specie, remaining in the treasury.

That it appears to your committee, by the accounts of said treasurer, he hath received, for escheats, caution, and improvements on land, £618 15 4½; for confiscated property, £366 9 6; for taxes under the act for establishing and securing the salary to the chancellor, £328 12 1½; for taxes, £185 17 4; for bonds taken for money loaned, £5978 12 10; for bonds taken for vacant land in Allegany county, £755 3 9½; for bonds taken for Indian lands, £907 10 0; for fines, forfeitures and amerciaments, £2528 10 8; for marriage licenses, £2233 4 0; for ordinary, retailers, hawkers and pedlers licenses, £6637 1 1½; for militia fines, £276 14 3; from the treasurer of the eastern shore, £2378 4 3; from the president, directors and company, of the Bank of Baltimore, for dividends on stock, £3186 0 0; from the president and directors of the Union Bank of Maryland, for dividends on stock, £1272 0 0; from the president and directors of the Mechanics Bank of Baltimore, for dividends on stock, £2849 1 3; from the president, directors and company, of the Farmers Bank of Maryland, for dividends on stock, £5700 0 0; from the president, directors and company, of the Hagar's-town Bank, for dividends on stock, £787 10 0; from the president, managers and company, of the Baltimore and York-town Turnpike Road Company, for dividends on stock, £37 10 0; from Benjamin Harwood, trustee, for dividends of interest and reimbursement of principal on stock, £9118 8 6; from William Marbury, for a balance due from him on the auditor's books, £5054 7 10; and from the United States, for dividends of interest and reimbursement of principal on stock transferred to the treasurer of the western shore, in behalf of, and for the use of, the state of Maryland, £20082 15 4.

It appears to your committee, that in conformity to a resolution of November session, 1809, the treasurer has invested, in behalf of the state of Maryland, 7,500 dollars in stock of the Mechanics Bank of Baltimore, 5,000 dollars in the Baltimore and Frederick-town Turnpike Road stock, and 7,500 dollars in stock of the Union Manufacturing Company of Maryland, amounting in the whole to the sum of 20,000 dollars.