

On motion by Mr. Comegys, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act concerning strays, and declaring what shall be deemed a lawful enclosure. ORDERED, That Mr. Comegys, Mr. Bland, Mr. Eccleston, Mr. Willis, Mr. Stevens, Mr. P. Bayard and Mr. Archer, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Groome delivers a petition from Hannah A. Hayes, of Cæcil county, praying that a sale made by her of the real estate of her deceased husband, may be confirmed; which was read and referred to Mr. Groome, Mr. Moffitt and Mr. Physick.

Mr. Emory delivers a petition from William Taylor, of Queen-Anne's county, praying for a road from his mill to the great Easton road; which was read and referred to Mr. Emory, Mr. Miers and Mr. P. Blake.

Mr. C. Hall delivers a petition from sundry members of the society of people called Quakers in Kent county, praying that the title to lots No. 1, and 2, in said county, may be vested in them for the benefit of said society; which was read and referred to Mr. C. Hall, Mr. Welch and Mr. Harris.

Mr. Miers delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county, counter to the petition of William Taylor; which was read and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it is counter.

Mr. Groome delivers the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Dawson, of Cæcil county, late a brave and worthy soldier in the revolutionary war, report, that they have had the same under consideration, and find, from ample testimony, that he was a citizen of the state of Maryland, and a brave and good soldier during the revolutionary war; that he is now aged, and labours under many infirmities, the effect of the great exposure, fatigue and labour, which he experienced in fighting the battles of his country, which secured liberty and independence to America, from which he is rendered unable, in his advanced age, to procure a support for himself and family. With this view of his case, your committee, under the impression that it becomes the peculiar duty of a dignified state, to provide for the unfortunate and meritorious soldier, who spent the prime and vigour of his life in fighting her battles and in procuring her rights, recommend the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed and required to pay to William Dawson, of Cæcil county, late a meritorious soldier in the revolutionary war, or to his order, in quarterly payments, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a private, as a provision to him in his indigent situation, now advanced in life, and as a further remuneration to him for those services by which his country has been so essentially benefited.

By order,

S. BRADFORD, clk.

Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Quinton, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act relating to public roads in Worcester county. ORDERED, That Mr. Quinton, Mr. T. N. Williams and Mr. Handy, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Streett delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore and Harford counties, praying that damages done by a road running from the Black Horse tavern to Slade's tavern, may be assessed and levied; which was read and referred to Mr. Streett, Mr. Harryman, Mr. Forwood, Mr. Randall and Mr. Archer.

On motion of Mr. Frazier, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to regulate lawyers fees. ORDERED, That Mr. Frazier, Mr. Archer and Mr. Nabb, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Archer delivers a bill, entitled, An act concerning justices of the peace; Mr. Martin delivers a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned; and Mr. Welch delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Edward Nicholson, an insolvent debtor; which were read.

On motion by Mr. Archer, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A further additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to direct descents. ORDERED, That Mr. Archer, Mr. Streett and Mr. Bland, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Bland delivers the memorial of the chancellor of this state, accompanied by a report of the English statutes, under a resolution of the legislature of the last session; which was read and referred to Mr. Bland, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Bowie, Mr. Boyle and Mr. Archer.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the clerk of Saint-Mary's county court, containing an account of the number of days each judge attended said court; which was read and referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

The house adjourns until 5 o'clock, P. M.

FIVE O'CLOCK, P. M.

THE house met.

Mr. T. B. Hall delivers a bill, entitled, An act concerning the jurisdiction of trespasses on real property; which was read.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.