

said bill was recommitted, with instructions to insert Cecil and Queen-Anne's counties.

Mr. M'Mahon submitted the following resolution; which was read the first and second time by special order, and assented to.

Resolved by the general assembly of Maryland, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to pay to William Ridgely, Esq. or order, the sum of fifteen dollars and thirty-three cents, being the sum due to John Newman, late a pensioner of the state of Maryland, who was placed on the pension list by a resolution of said state.

The house proceeded to consider the order of the day, it being the bill reported by Mr. Brookhart, entitled, An act to abolish all and every such parts of the constitution and form of government in this state, as relate to the appointment of the offices of registers of wills and clerks of the county courts of this state; when, on motion by Mr. Brookhart, said bill was ordered to lie on the table.

The speaker laid before the house a report from Nathaniel Pearce, inspector of tobacco at the state's warehouse No. 1, relative to the amount of money paid by him into the western shore treasury within the year ending on the 30th November; which was read and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Blakistone from the committee on grievances and courts of justice, made a report on the petition of John W. Richardson, of the city of Baltimore, accompanied with a bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower John W. Richardson to import and bring into this state certain negroes therein mentioned; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Jenifer, Ordered, That the committee on internal improvement be instructed to inquire into and report the relative expense, benefits and facilities of constructing rail roads and canals, with a view of ascertaining to which of those means the funds of the state, (so far as they may hereafter be appropriated to such works of internal improvement,) can be most judiciously applied, both as regards the revenue to the state, and the advantages to be derived to the citizens generally.

On motion by Mr. Hunt, Ordered, That the petition of Isaac West, and the documents therewith, presented at the last session of the general assembly, be withdrawn from the files of the house.

Mr. M'Elfresh presented the petition of the visitors of Frederick college, praying the passage of an act authorising them to draw a lottery and raise the sum of ten thousand dollars, and also to occupy and possess the barracks ground near Fre-