

holder is subject to every demand which the exigencies of the government may require, why should the capitalist, who is not tied down to the soil, be exempt? If the principle be a good one, that the necessary expenses of the state should be contributed by all her citizens in proportion to their property, then surely does it follow, that the incorporating of any number of private individuals, and giving them a peculiar exemption from taxation, is unequal and oppressive, inasmuch as it leaves exonerated from the burden of taxation, a description of property, from which in general a greater profit is derived by its owners, and which for the most part can only be held and enjoyed by the wealthier classes of the community.

Your committee therefore recommend the revival and modification of the act of 1828, incorporating the Baltimore and Washington Rail Road Company, unless the state should determine to construct the road herself.

Mr. Merrick from the committee on grievances and courts of justice, made an unfavourable report on the petition of James Buckingham, of Harford county, praying to be released from the payment of certain fines imposed upon him by the court for selling liquors without license; which was read.

Mr. Rogerson from the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, delivered favourable reports upon the petitions of Stephen Hafley, of Frederick county, and Elizabeth Dawkins, of Calvert county, accompanied with the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Stephen Hafley, of Frederick county, or to his order, during life, in quarter yearly payments, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a private, as a compensation for his services during the revolutionary war.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Elizabeth Dawkins, of Calvert county, widow of the late Charles Dawkins, a soldier of the revolution, or to her order, during her widowhood, in quarterly annual payments, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a sergeant, as a further remuneration for the services of her said husband.

Which were severally read.

Mr. Steele reported a bill, entitled, An act to compensate the adjutant-general of this state.

Mr. Hunt reported a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate the Franklin Turnpike Road Company, passed at December session 1827, chapter 186.

Mr. Turner reported a bill, entitled, A supplement to the