

authorising the erection of fire proof offices in said county, for the preservation of the records;

Which was read and referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.

Mr. Ely presented a petition of Catherine Croft, widow of William Croft, late of Baltimore county, deceased, a revolutionary soldier, praying a continuation of the pension allowed to her late husband;

Which was read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Kerby presented petitions from Elizabeth Billihunt, and Henrietta Woodall, of Kent county, severally praying to be placed on the pension roll of said county;

Which were severally read and referred to the committee on pensions to indigent persons by county assessment.

Mr. Iglehart presented a petition of Isaac P. Iiams, of Anne Arundel county, praying the passage of an act authorising him to pay to his brother Joshua B. Iiams, a minor, certain property now in his possession as guardian;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Iglehart, Hood, and Ridgely.

And, Mr. Nelson presented a petition of sundry citizens of Harford county, praying that Hugh Bankhead may be placed on the pension roll of said county.

Which was read and referred to the committee on pensions to indigent persons by county assessment.

Mr. Gantt obtained leave to bring in a bill, to be entitled, an act to authorise Thomas Baldwin, the present sheriff of Prince Georges county, to bond as sheriff of said county, at any time before the fifteenth day of February next, and to authorise the clerk of said county to receive and record said bond.

Ordered, That Messrs. Gantt, Worthington, and Key report the same.

Mr. Gilliss obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, an act to provide for the building of a public bridge over Birch Branch, in Worcester county.

Ordered, That Messrs. Gilliss, Hearn, and Bevans, report the same.

Mr. Weast obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, an act, in favor of John Mowary of Washington county.

Ordered, That Messrs. Weast, Kershner, and Welty, report the same.

Mr. Orrick obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, an act, regulating fences in cases of suits for trespass, so far as relates to Baltimore county.