

ed a bounty to officers of the Maryland line who should continue in the service till the end of the then war, which this house is bound to recognise and carry into effect. That the said resolution is no less binding as to the bounty to be extended to the widows of those officers, and entitles those widows to demand the same pay to which their husbands were entitled, from the death of their said husbands. Your committee have been satisfied by the testimony submitted to them, that Roger Nelson was an officer in the Maryland line from the early part of the year 1780 to the close of the revolutionary war, and that Eliza Nelson is his widow—therefore,

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury, to Eliza Nelson, or order, the amount of the half pay to which she is entitled under the resolution of the 25th of March, 1779, from the death of her husband, Roger Nelson, to the time when she was placed upon the roll.

All which is respectfully submitted,
S. Boyd, chairman.

By order,
Wm. E. Nicholson, clk.

Which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Carpenter, chairman of the committee on divorces, reported a bill entitled, an act to divorce Jand Didier, of the city of Baltimore, from her husband Jefferson Didier;

Which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mt. Tuck, from the committee on grievances and courts of justice, to which was referred the bill reported by Mr. Hicks, entitled, an act supplemental to an act for amending and reducing into system the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators, and guardians, and the rights of orphans and other representatives of deceased persons, reported the same with the following amendment—

Amendment proposed.

Strike out all after the enacting clause, and insert,

That from and after the first day of May next, all claims for rent in arrear against deceased persons, for which a distress may be levied by law, after the death of the deceased, shall have preference over all other claims against said deceased's estate, (except which now have a preference over