

The committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Fickle, of Muskingum county, state of Ohio, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Benjamin Fickle, of Muskingum county, state of Ohio, or to his order, during life, in quarterly annual payments, the half pay of a lieutenant, as a further remuneration for his services during the revolutionary war.

By order,

Jacob S. Smith, Com. Clk.

The committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, to whom was referred the petition of Nehemiah Beckwith, of Dorchester county, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Nehemiah Beckwith, of Dorchester county, or to his order, during life, in quarterly annual payments, the half pay of a private, as a further remuneration for his services during the revolutionary war.

By order,

Jacob S. Smith, Com. Clk.

Mr. Du Val, chairman of the committee therein mentioned, delivered the following report; which was read, and laid on the table; viz.

The committee on the militia, to whose consideration was referred a bill to regulate and organize the militia, reported during the last session of the legislature, and referred to the then next general assembly, have duly considered the same, and beg leave to report—That with some concise but important amendments to that bill, which consolidates and reduces into one act all laws heretofore passed on this subject, they present to the consideration of the house the accompanying bill, to regulate and organize the militia of this state.

By order,

Jacob S. Smith, Com. Clk.

Mr. Crabb, chairman of the committee therein mentioned, delivered the following report; which was read, and laid on the table, viz.

The committee, to whom was referred the communication addressed by the Honourable John C. Weems, to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Delegates, having considered the same, beg leave to report—

That in the opinion of your committee, the two most important considerations, which should influence the government in the selection of a site for a Naval Academy, ought to be healthiness of situation, and convenience to water. In regard to the first, and most important consideration, salubrity of situation, Annapolis may be considered as entitled to assume very elevated ground. A detachment of United States troops, stationed at Fort Severn for several years, having been healthy, in a degree almost without