

On motion by Mr. Barnes, it was Ordered, That the committee of claims place on the journal of accounts the amount of expenses of the funeral of John Brewer, esq. late chief clerk of this house.

On motion by Mr. Hall, the following message was twice read, agreed to, and sent to the senate, viz.

By the House of Delegates, Jan. 22d, 1827.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your message of the 20th, in answer to ours of the 15th instant, proposing a joint committee on the subject of the bill reported by Gideon Pearce, esq. and in reply thereto beg leave to remark, that the importance of the subject induced us to propose that the said committee should sit during the hours of business, and that we contemplated authorising the committee on the part of this house to send for "persons and papers," to save the trouble of a special application for that purpose, should it become necessary. However, with a view to expedite the completion of a satisfactory fee bill, we waive such parts of our message as are objectionable to your honourable body, and concur with your message. Messrs. Chapman, Brooke, Stevens, Hall and Bennett, compose the committee appointed on the part of this house.

Petitions and memorials were presented, viz.

By Mr. Ridgely, A petition from Mary Ann Kerslner, of Allegany county, the widow of a soldier of the revolution, praying for relief.

By Mr. Shaw, A petition from the children of Nathaniel B. Magruder, late of Allegany county, deceased, who was a soldier of the revolution, praying that the pension formerly allowed their father may be continued and accorded to them.

By Mr. Stricker, A petition from Mary S. Edwards and Elizabeth Middleton, of the city of Baltimore, the only daughters of Gilbert Middleton, deceased, who was a soldier of the revolution; praying that a pension which was heretofore granted their father, may be continued to them so long as they shall remain unmarried. Which said petitions were severally read and referred to the standing committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

By Mr. Campbell, A petition from James Kelly, of Kent county, praying a special act of insolvency; referred to the standing committee on that subject.

By Mr. Millard, A memorial from sundry pilots in and for the Chesapeake Bay, praying for a new and improved pilot law; referred to the committee which prepared and reported a bill on that subject.

By Mr. Norris, A petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying the passage of a law to compensate jurors in cases of forcible entry and detainer; referred to the standing committee on grievances and courts of justice; and