

Mr. T. Williams delivers a petition from John McCoy, a revolutionary officer, praying relief; which was read and referred to Messrs. T. Williams, Groome and Moffit.

Mr. Sanders delivers a petition from Benjamin G. Jones praying to be released from the nine per cent due on a debt by him to the state; which was read and referred to Messrs. Sanders, Street and H. Hall.

Mr. Swearingen delivers a petition from Richard Butler, of Frederick county, praying for the depreciation of his pay as deputy quarter-master; which was read and referred to Messrs. Swearingen, Shriver and T. Jones.

Mr. Tenant delivers a petition from Daniel Richardson, of Talbot county, a revolutionary soldier, praying relief; which was read and referred to Messrs. Tenant, Stevens and Wainwright.

Mr. Ennalls delivers a petition from Frederick Bennett of Dorchester county, a revolutionary soldier, praying relief; which was read and referred to Messrs. Ennalls, Stevens and Belt.

The bill for the encouragement of learning in Cecil county, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

The engrossed bills from No. 1 to 138 inclusive, were read, assented to and sent to the senate.

The bill to authorise the levy court of Baltimore county to assess and levy on the assessable property of said county, a sum of money to build a bridge over the great falls of Gunpowder; and the bill to authorise the levy court of Anne-Arundel county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, were read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Little the following message was read, agreed to, and with the bill therein mentioned, sent to the senate.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 26, 1811.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

We return you the bill entitled, An act to prevent the erection of booths within two miles of any Methodist camp or quarterly meeting in the several counties therein mentioned, under an expectation that on a re consideration thereof, which we solicit, you will give it your concurrence.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clk.

Mr. Swearingen delivers the following report:

THE Committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard Butler, of Frederick town, beg leave to report, That they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted, and propose the following resolution for the consideration of the house:

*Resolved,* That the treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Cichard Butler, late deputy quarter-master at Frederick-Town, the sum of fifty-two pounds seven shillings and ten pence half-penny, with interest thereon, from the fifteenth day of March seven-