

are therefore of opinion that it would not be a departure from correct legislation to pass the bill in question, and return it to your house with a confident hope that you will upon further consideration concur with us.

By Order,

Gideon Pearce, Clerk.

The resolution respecting the claim of the surviving officers and soldiers of the revolution, was read a second time.

Mr. Forrest presented the petition of Aquilla Fisher of Montgomery county, as the next friend of Lydia Offutt, a minor, and as the executor of the testament and last will of Selah Offutt deceased, praying the passage of a law to give validity and effect to the will of the said Selah Offutt, which was read and referred to Messrs. Forrest, Lloyd and Nelson.

Mr. Whiteley asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Spence.

On motion by Mr. Dennis, the president named Mr. Forrest to supply the vacancy occasioned by the absence of Mr. Spence in the committee on invalid deeds.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered the following message, which was read.

By the House of Delegates, Jan. 19th, 1828.
Gentleman of the Senate,

We have appointed on the part of this house, Messrs. Goldsborough, Blackistone, Comegys, Hooper, Ruth, Wells and Sellman to act in conjunction with such gentlemen, as it may be the pleasure of your honorable body to nominate as a committee of both houses, for the purpose of comparing and examining the engrossed bills.

By order,

Gideon Pearce, Clerk.

Also a bill entitled, an act for the further relief of Edward Alexander, of Cecil county, which was read the first time, and referred to the committee on out pensions

Also, a bill, entitled an act to regulate the accounts for the county charges of Dorchester county, which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Dennis, Whiteley and Sewell.

Also, a bill entitled, an act directing the manner in which the free school fund in Anne Arundel county shall be applied, which was read the first time,