

order of the house, to inquire into the expediency of allowing a pension to James Wats, a revolutionary soldier, accompanied with the following resolution:

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer of the Western shore pay to James Wats of Dorchester county, or to his order during life, in quarterly payments, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a private, in consideration of the services rendered by him during the revolutionary war.*

THOMAS ROGERSON, Chairman.

By order,

Robt. Griffith, Clk.

Which was read the first and second time by special order, the report concurred in, and the resolution therein contained, assented to.

Mr. Pratt presented a petition of Rebecca Smith, of the city of Baltimore, in behalf of herself and her children, proprietors of Patapasco Bridge, praying certain relief therein mentioned;

Which was read and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Weast reported a bill entitled, an act to authorize the commissioners of Washington county, to levy a sum of money for the building a bridge over little Antietam creek in said county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill reported by Mr. Turner, entitled, an act to establish Magistrates district courts in this State, and prescribing their powers and duties; was taken up for consideration; when

On motion by Mr. Turner, said bill was ordered to lie on the table.

The bill reported by Mr. Nicols, entitled, an act to authorize the Levy court of Dorchester county, to purchase a piece of land for the repairs of a public causeway in said county,

And the bill reported by Mr. Johns, entitled, an act to change the name of James Michael, of Harford county, to James Johnson; were severally taken up for consideration, read the second time and passed;

The report of the committee on claims, to whom was referred sundry proposals for supplies of stationary for the use of the Legislature of the State, was taken up for consideration, read the second time, and concurred in.

The resolution in favour of Clement Mattingly, late collector of Saint Mary's county, was taken up for consideration;