

We have no objection to making the inquiry proposed, and have appointed Mr. John H. Thomas, Mr. Bland, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Stansbury and Mr. Sappington, on the part of this house, to form a committee, in conjunction with the gentlemen named by your house, for that purpose.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

The following leave was read.

Leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property within this state.

Mr. Chapman, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Garner, of Charles county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A report of the trustees of Charlotte Hall School was read, and referred to Mr. Parnham, Mr. P. Stuart, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Beall, to consider and report thereon.

ORDERED, That the bill to repeal all such parts of the act, entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, as require each noncommissioned officer and private, liable to militia duty, to arm himself with a good and serviceable firelock, and for other purposes, have a second reading on to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, have a second reading on to-morrow.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to alter and amend the penal laws of this state? Resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That Mr. Boyle, Mr. Bland, Mr. Stansbury, Mr. Bowles, Mr. Herbert, Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Sanders, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. S. Thomas and Mr. Ennalls have leave of absence.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, November 18, 1808.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. S. Thomas and Mr. Ennalls. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to make an appropriation for the purpose of purchasing arms for the militia of this state? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	Blakistone	Belt	Randall	Frazier	Page	J H Thomas	Davis	Tilghman
	Angier	O Williams	Brown	Dennis	Herbert	J Thomas	Bayard	Gabby
	Brice	Merriken	Stevens	Mitchell	Hopper	Forwood	Willis	Downey
	Welch	Stansbury	Seth	Porter	Wright	Streett	R Steuart	Bowles
	Moffitt	Harryman	Cottman	Veazey	Scott	Standa's	Bland	Carroll
	Hodges							41

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs	Neale	Ireland	Dorsey	Gale	Muir	Sappington	Gauther	M'Mahon
	Hopewell	Grahame	Parnham	Griffith	T N Williams	Hughlett	Veatch	Tomlinson
	Reynolds	P Stuart	Edmondson	Perrie	Bennett	Young	Hilleary	Reid
	Blake	Chapman	Bayle	Beall	Baer			29

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That Mr. Bland, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Stansbury, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. P. Stuart and Mr. J. Thomas, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the treasurer of the western shore, stating that the eight per cent. stock of the United States will be redeemed on the 1st of January next; which was read, and referred to the joint committee appointed to examine what is the real and existing situation of the funds of this state.

A petition from Mary Connelly, of Anne-Arundel county, praying to be supported out of the poor's house, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Belt, Mr. Hodges and Mr. O. Williams, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. M'Mahon, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate a school in Allegany county, by the name of Allegany County School; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Belt, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Vachel Burgess, of Anne-Arundel county, report, that they find, from documents herewith exhibited, the said petitioner entered into the service of his country at an early period of the revolutionary war, that he was appointed an ensign in the second regiment of the Maryland line on the 17th of April, 1777, and that he was afterwards promoted to a lieutenantancy, which commission he resigned on the 22d of August, 1779, from the circumstance alleged by him, and which your committee fully believe, of an officer of inferior rank having received a commission of a date prior to his. Your committee further report, that it also appears from the documents, the said Vachel Burgess was appointed a captain in the extra regiment raised in the year 1780, in which capacity he served until the said regiment was deranged, and that during the whole of his service he behaved in a manner highly honourable to himself, advantageous to his country, and truly characteristic of the American patriot; that the said petitioner is now far advanced in